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Clinton to announce upgrading of bilateral security ties

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton, arriving here tonight as a gesture of solidarity after four suicide bombings, is to announce tomorrow his intention to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) next month upgrading the security relationship between the two

countries, officials say. This would mark the first signing of such an executive agreement between the US and Israel in

Clinton departed yesterday for Sharm e-Sheikh to lead today's counter-terrorism "Summit of the

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The MOU will be signed during Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to Washington on April 19, officials say. As part of it, Israel is expected to gain greater intelligence cooperation with the US.

It remains unclear whether the MOU will involve Israel ohtaining its own down-link satellite facility, something the US has

also enhance Israel's status as a major non-NATO ally, and will also include provisions of a US-Israel anti-terrorism package, including access to high-resoluwhich will include equipment and tion satellite photos that it has funding. Negotiations on this been denied in the past. aspect of the agreement have already begun. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, CIA Director John Deutsch, and State Department special coordinator

denied Israel for many years.
The executive agreement would

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

Weizman won't greet Clinton at airport

for the peace process Dennis Ross will all stay here after Clinton leaves Thursday to further discuss the anti-terrorism initiative.

The MOU falls short of a fullblown defense treaty between the two countries. Such a full-treaty has been sharply opposed by the defense establishment here, fearing its net effect would be to tie

unilaterally in the event of an

The first MOU between the US and Israel was reached in 1981, but scuttled after Israel declared it would apply its sovereignty on the Golan Heights. A subsequent MOU, codifying strategic cooper-ation, was reached two years later. The last MOU was reached hetween Yitzhak Shamir and Ronald Reagan in 1988.

A US official underscored the

symbolic importance of the con-

have been explicit. They are

opposing terrorism against Israel

in a way that would have not been possible before the peace process.

Arab leaders are also realizing

that they have a common interest

with Israel, as many of them are

Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Sudan were excluded from the confer-

ence, as they are considered

they will not attend. Jordanian

Prime Minister Abdul Karim

Kabiriti, who arrived in Sharm e-

Sheikh yesterday, denounced the

boycott by Damascus, telling reporters it is a political stand

that does not bode well for the

strategic option that they claim that they have made, which is

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan

told Foreign Minister Ehud Barak

in Amman that he favors the con-

ference specifically listing coun-

tries supporting terrorism, includ-

ing Syria. Sources say the US

vetoed this idea, as it did not want

General Uri Savir said Syria is

"still sitting on the fence"

between favoring peace and

The final decision on the estab-

lishment of a regional mechanism

Foreign Ministry Director-

to embarrass Damascus.

encouraging terrorism.

Syria and Lebanon have said

afflicted with the same terror."

Togue states.

After today's conference, Peres is to fly with Clinton on Air Force One to Ben-Gurion Airport. Tonight, Clinton is to meet with President Ezer Weizman.

Weizman will not greet Clinton at the airport, because he thinks an official reception should be in Jerusalem, Israel Radio reported. American sources traveling with Clinton said he did not want an official Jerusalem reception. because it would imply American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The meeting with Weizman tonight will be informal.

Israel, Egypt

disagree on

goals of

conference

Anti-terror parley today

Tomorrow morning, Clinton will participate in a symbolic cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, and hold his first meeting ever with Likud opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu, perhaps to counter-balance charges that his trip to Israel is being made to bolster Peres's sagging electoral fortunes after the four suicide bombings.

While in Jerusalem, Clinton will also hold a press conference. where he is expected to amounce his intent to sign the MOU. From

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David Levy, Binyamin Netanyahu, and Rafael Eitan sign the agreement to field a joint ticket in the upcoming national elections.

Likud, Gesher complete deal for joint ticket

WITH three public handshakes. Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and Gesher leader David Levy yesterday officially ended three years of bitter enmity and signed an agreement to run on a joint ticket in the upcoming

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan, the other partner in the threesome, looked embarrassed as the two rivals played to the cameras recording the signing ceremony in

the Knesset yesterday. Despite the apparent reconciliation, the signing was postponed from noon to 4 p.m. while Likud officials pretended there was a technical hitch in printing the agreement. In fact, the parties were still working out the deal. One of the difficult clauses appears to be one preventing Netanyahu from firing Levy, No.

2 on the joint list. The problem centered around phrasing the agreements with Tsomet and Gesher so that the policy planks in both agreements would mesh. There were technical hitches, typos, missing words, and slight discrepancies in the two versions of the new list's plat-

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SARAH HONIG, and MICHAL YUDLEMAN

of the three parties, but also with members of rival parties who felt the union had to be seen to be believed. There were, however, some noticeable absences, including the deal's opponents, the socalled "Likud princes": Dan Meridor, Ze'ev Begin, Ehud Olmert, and Uzi Landau.

MK Ariel Sharon, who handled the negotiations hetween Netanyahn and Levy, looked happy and relieved. But many of the Likud MKs present left the room without raising a glass to toast the trilateral agreement, having seen their chances for a seat in the next Knesset diminish considerably due to the safe seats given to Tsomet and Gesher. Both Netanyahu and Levy stressed in their speeches that they had made

an effort to bury their hatchets. The union is the only way to put the state on the road to a secure peace three years after an experiment [Oslo] which failed. We know it is essential because we saw what happened without unity," Netanyahu said, referring The signing ceremony was to the fractured voting which lost crowded not only with supporters; the Likud the last elections.

"There was a chasm and there are those who want to emphasize it." Levy said. "[But] we've come today to speak about tomorrow. And tomorrow starts now."

Eitan praised the union in a brief At the press conference following the ceremony, Netanyahu refused to say which government positions would go to Levy and Eitan if the joint party wins the election. Levy avoided answering question on his intentions

should they lose the elections. Labor and Meretz reacted to the agreement with contempt. Labor issued a statement branding the agreement "a technical combinanon of people who lack minimal respect for each other. This is a list based solely on the lust of power, devoid of any serious, responsible political and social

program." Interior Minister Haim Ramon, one of Labor's election campaign heads, said "this agreement is bad for the state. It is an attempt hy Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, David Levy, and Rafael Eitan to reach power. These are four men who despise each other and have no capability of working

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Hefetz: Hamas planning attack during Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN

HAMAS is planning a major ter-ror attack aimed at marring the visit of US President Bill Clinton. which hegins this afternoon, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday.

Hefetz said Israel had recommended to US officials that Clinton not visit the two Jaffa Road Hamas suicide bombing sites, for security reasons. The US officials apparently agreed, and Clinton will not lay wreaths at the sites, as originally planned.

"We have intelligence information showing that they will try to carry out a major attack. Hamas itself announced it plans an attack," Hefetz said. The intelligence information was not detailed, and it is unclear exactly where Hamas will try and attack, Hefetz added.

The inspector-general was speaking to reporters after a meeting of police hrass in Jerusalem to (Continued on Page 9)

DAVID MAKOVSKY ON THE eve of this morning's

unprecedented international antiagainst terror is expected to be terrorism conference in Sharm emade after a meeting this morning Sheikh, Israel and Egypt differed between Clinton and Mubarak over what sort of regional anti-terbefore the conference begins. ror consultative mechanism Mubarak dispatched national

would be announced at the end of security adviser Osama Baz to the parley, senior officials said. Jerusalem yesterday to consult The one-day conference, cowith Prime Minister Shimon sponsored by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and US President Peres and Barak about the final communique. The communique Bill Clinton and called the was also the reason Barak flew to "Summit of the Peacemakers," Amman, where the Hamas office will bring together representatives there was also discussed. from 29 countries, all dedicated to

Some non-Jordanians involved fighting terrorism and promoting with the office have already been deported, a senior Israeli security official said. ference, saying: "Statements from Arab leaders in the last few days

"We would like the establishment of a very clear and concrete Arab-Israel consultative mechanism to deal with terror. On the other hand, Egypt would like to

downplay it and not announce it publicly," a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said. "For us, such a mechanism is important, as it would give a regional security dimension to the peace process. While Israel already has a few bilateral security relationships with Arab states, such a body would be significant, as it would be multilateral."

Israel has bilateral security relationships with Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinians, and is known to have quiet security links with Morocco and Oman.

been reached on the type of mechanism to be established. He said he hoped that it could involve the establishment of a "Middle East

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Guest list

The official list of attendees at the "Summit of Peacemakers," according to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

US President Bill Clinton Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat Jordan's King Hussein UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali British Prime Minister John Major French President Jacques Chirac Russian President Boris Yeltsin Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Attaf Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalita Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien German Chancellor Helmut Kohl

Inish Prime Minister John Bruton
Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini
Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda
Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
Mauritanian Prime Minister Cheikh El Atia Ould Mohamed Khouna

Morocco's King Hassan
Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland
Omani special representative Thewaini bin Shebab al-Said
Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani
European Commission Vice President Maruel Marin Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal
Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez
Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Sen Yahia
Turkish President Suleyman Demirel
UAE Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah al-Nuaimi
Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim al-Iryani

Appeal by the Director-General of UNESCO for the Continuation of the Peace Process in the Middle East

UNESCO strongly supports current initiatives to coordinate action against terrorism in the Middle East, and urges the Israeli and Palestinian peoples to pursue the path to peace, and continue the historic process of reconciliation in the region.

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UK tour operators ban trips to capital, TA

DOUGLAS DAVIS LONDON

BRITAIN'S leading tour opera-tors have imposed a total ban on the sale of package holidays to Israel involving visits to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

The operators, who control more than 90 percent of the British holiday package market, will offer customers who have already booked trips to Israel a cash refund or alternative vacation destinations. Eilat-only holidays

are excluded from the ban. The decision was made by the 18 constituent members of

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Barak,

Amman

coordinate

anti-terror

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ISRAEL and Jordan yesterday

decided to cooperate in their

fight against terrorism by setting

up a mechanism of joint consulta

This was decided during For-

eign Minister Ehud Barak's light-

ning visit to Amman yesterday,

when he met Crown Prince Has-

san and Prime Minister Abed el-

Karim Kabriti to coordinate posi-

tions for the anti-terror

Barak was accompanied by

representatives of the General

Security Service and the Mossad,

who discussed with their Jordani-

an counterparts ways of acting

In their statement after the

meeting Hassan and Barak said

both countries see the anti-terror

conference as an important event

which will lead to practical steps

snicide attacks as being opposed to Islam and stressed that Jor-

dan's peace agreement with Isra-

el includes both states obligation

to fight against terrorism. He also

sharply attacked countries which

shelter terrorists, including Syria.

its firm and responsible acts

against terrorism within it, em-

phasizing that "Jordan is not part

of that bunch [the states harbor-

ing terrorists]. We have deep ap-

preciation for what they are

LIKUD

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Labor's statement emphasized

the things which Levy and Eitan

have said in the past about Netanyahu, saying this proves the

Liknd does not have a worthy

· Milnister Yossi Sarid, of Meretz,

said Levy and Eiten made the

bargain of a lifetime in the agree-

ment, because by themselves they

are not worth all the mandates

they got in the agreement with the

Likud. As traders, they did fine.

As men of state, that's another

question. Eitan and Levy will be

candidate for prime minister.

Barak commended Jordan for

Hassan condemned terrorist

to destroy terrorism.

against Hamas in Jordan

conference at Sharm e-Sheikh.

tions and information exchange.

moves

'Arafat can halt terror if he wants to'

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat's lack of action against the terror infrastructure in the autonomous areas and the Sharm e-Sheikh conference were the two main themes running through the report Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, head of the research division of military intelligence, presented to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

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Amidror had been invited to testify before a committee of the US Congress yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres vetoed his appearance.

Amidror's report to the committee, part of which was read from the written report he submitted to the congressional panel, made several points which Peres would find difficult to publicly agree with.

Although Amidror described the Sharm e-Sbeikh conference as an achievement for bringing together some countries which had never discussed the terror issue before, he said "attention had been deflected from terror to the negotiations and the peace

'Any decision taken will completely lack teeth. If anyone ex-

out of the conference, they are naive," he said according to an official briefing.

He said the conference served as a political cover for Arafat, who bad stepped up detentions of terror suspects, but this could just be for the duration of the

Amidror noted that in the last 72 hours, the PA had arrested several senior politicians and terrorists and had entered mosques and seized weapons. "He has hit at the infrastruc-

ture more than in the past, which only goes to prove what we said: He could do it if he wanted to. "The Islamic Jibad is weak

and, if Arafat chooses, it could be eradicated within a few days, hnt Hamas is difficult to get rid off. You can trim its branches, but you can't pull out its roots.

"The PA hasn't done enough to fight these organizations. Arafat could do it. He has public support after the elections and has strong security forces and an interest, but it's not clear wbether he decided to cross the Rubicon. The possible reasons are that he doesn't see terror as a moral pects something practical to come problem, but a political one.

"He doesn't see himself helping Israel beyond thwarting attacks. A hloodbath in Palestinian society is worse in his eyes than terror in Israel.

'Why he waited until now to detain the Hamas activists and until when he will carry on doing it, there are no answers."

Before Yihye Ayyasb was killed, he prepared an infrastructure in Gaza, while Arafat denied he was there. All the explosives used in the recent attacks were prepared in Gaza, Amidror said.

He said Iran's level of support for the Palestinians is greater than its level of influence. "The Islamic Jihad is inflnenced hy what Iran says, hut Hamas is deeply rooted in Palestinian society. While it receives its support and training from Iran, Iran doesn't determine its policy."

Amidror said that since Israel bas decided to negotiate with Arafat, it must refrain from actions which could unseat him.

"In the current circumstances, there are no other parmers. If that alliance collapses, there will be utter chaos. We must strengthen Arafat, because be is the only one who can handle the Palestinians. A freeze in the negotiations could hring Arafat down.'

whether Arafat had called Yihye

Ayyash a "martyr," Rahman said

he had never heard that said, and

that Engel's question was the first

he knew of it. Rahman said that if

Arafat had indeed called Ayyasb

a "martyr," it was only because

the English translation had been

Rahman conceded the PA had

used tax money to rebuild homes

of terrorists that the IDF de-

stroyed, but had done so because

such acts represented cruel and

He also accused the Israeli ex-

tremist group Eyal of cooperating

with Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

Rahman said he knew nothing

'about Arafat feleasing security

suspects soon after arrest, and

that in any case he does not rely

on newspaper reports of such

BRITISH

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Britain's Federation of Tour

Operators and conveyed to Israeli

officials over the weekend by

Alan Flook, secretary-general of

Britain's Federation of Tour

ings that had prompted a relative-

British Foreign Office. According

to the advisory, there are no direct threats to tourists, but it coun-seled visitors: "Using experi-enced tour operators/local taxi

Flook told The Jerusalem Post

yesterday that the operators were

acting to reduce the risks to them-

selves, as they would be responsi-

injured on excursions to destina-

tions which the operators knew to

ban on the sale of package holi-

experienced from any other coun-

try." "If there are no more bomb-

down, I would expect the excur-

said. "This is what we all want."

It is unknown how seriously the

ban will affect the 330,000

British tourists who visit Israel

each year - 75 percent of whom

visit Jerusalem and Tel Aviv - but

Israel Government Tourist Office

director Eliezer Hod told the Post

yesterday the cancellation rate is

low. However, he was outraged by the decision. "We don't under-

stand the action they have taken.

It is quite inexplicable," he said.

Israel Tour Operators

Association chairman Avi

Friedman expressed "shock" at

the decision and noted that is

organization had not issued nega-

tive travel advice to Israelis visit-

ing London, despite recent IRA

bombings. "We have, in fact, encouraged and promoted London as a prime tourist destination in these difficult times," he

told his British counterparts in a message yesterday. "We would have expected similar support

from our travel colleagues and

implore you to review your

look over our shoulder."

drivers minimizes risks."

It followed the recent bomb-

mild travel advisory by the

Operators.

collective punishment.

Congressmen demand Arafat get tough

THE House International Relations Committee yesterday called on Yasser Arafat to take greater steps to fight terror, intimating they would consider cutting off US aid to the Palestinians.

The PLO's local representative here, Hassan Ahdel Rahman, HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

came under a barrage of criticism for the PA's performance against Hamas. It was the first time a PLO official had ever testified on



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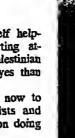
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Jordanian Prime Minister Abed el-Karim Kabriti (right) welcomes Foreign Minister Ehud Barak (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80) to Amman for a lightning visit yesterday.

Olmert threatens to boycott Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ebud Olmert threatened a municipal boycott of US President Bill Clinton's visit if Clinton does not include a memorial event in the capital and the government does not cooperate more with the city in planning the visit.

NEWS

Olmert ordered city schools not to send pupils to tomorrow's terror victims memorial ceremony in Tel Aviv.

The mayor also instructed municipal departments not to help in arrangements for the visit, such as announcing what roads will be closed and flying US flags on city

Last night, Prime Minister Shimon Peres contacted Olmert in an effort to prevent the boycott, according to municipal sources.

Olmert had earlier sent an angry message to Peres alleging the government and Clinton were ignoring Jerusalem as much as possible during the visit in order to avoid angering the Palestinians, who also have claims on the city:

"Many of those killed in terrorist attacks over the past year were students from schools in Jerusalem. Our students deserve at least some attention," Olmert said in a statement.

The municipal spokesman said Olmert presented the Prime Minister's Office with a list of potential Jerusalem sites for a memorial service with Clinton, but said these were rejected and a Tel Aviv site was chosen instead.

THE army is allowing more than

80 trucks filled with flour and

produce to enter the Gaza Strip

from Egypt, and has ordered

troops not to delay sick people

seeking medical treatment in Is-

given [by the Prime Minister's Office] for their rejection," the Olmen also charged that the

"No reasonable answer was

government and police failed to include the municipality in the preparations for the visit - even in such issues as which roads would be shut down for security and instead simply sent City Hall a list of instructions.

City officials said that in the past police, Foreign Ministry, and Prime Minister's Office representatives met with city representatives to schedule events and motorcade routes to minimize traffic tie-ups.

The municipality will not cooperate with the other authorities in handling the visit "until it is ensured that the visit will not cause hardships for the hundreds and thousands of city residents," the spokesman said.

The police spokesman recommended commuters "keep off the roads" as Clioton's visit will make it difficult to get to work or, tral district, following warnings of for that matter, just about anywhere io Jerusalem this afterooon and in Tel Aviv tomorrow.

Clinton is scheduled to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport around 5:30 p.m. He is set to leave tomorrow afternoon.

In the meantime, in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and points in-between, major traffic problems are expected as roads are closed for the presidential motorcade.

ahni, 2, whose parents were held

up at a road block for nearly an

hour while taking him from their

home in Kalkilya to a hospital in

"There was a screw up and that

For traffic routes, see ad Page 4

Security finalized for Clinton's Tel Aviv visit

PAINE MARCUS.

BEN-GURION Airport will come to a standstill this afternoon and Tel Aviv will grind to a halt tomorrow for US President Bill Clinton's visit.

Central District and Tel Aviv police and security forces finalized their arrangements yesterday for stringent measures for the

Clinton is expected to arrive at Ben-Gurion from Sharm e-Sheikh this evening. A short cer-emony will take place before he leaves for Jerusalem. The airport, main highway, and surrounding areas will be heavily gnarded by police, Border Policemen, Civil Guard volunteers, and

Preparations began yesterday, with 1,000 policemen in the central district alone on full alert.

police are expected to seal off all streets near the Tel Aviv. Museum from the early morning

Center bomhing.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JON IMMANUEL Fatah in the West Bank, called

the closure "Israeli terrorism." The switch from condemning Hamas terrorism to attacking Israeli countermeasures could erode the PA's resolve to crack down on Hamas. In a Palestinian

the IDF.

Security forces will also patrol along the Green Line, in the cen-

Cars will not be allowed to park in the area where Clinton is scheduled to speak to high school students, near the museum. He is not expected to visit Kikar Rabin, nor the site of the Dizengoff

the first to run to Peres to get positions in his new ment" Levy was attacked yesterday mainly by left-leaning figures, such as ex-Hadash MK Charlic Biton, who claimed to speak for the poor and who argued that Army allows flour, produce into Gaza Levy abandoned the have-nots.

A small number of them gathered yesterday in an attempt to set up a new party. They promised to stage demonstrations against Levy, circulate anti-Levy peti-tions, flood the media with critical articles, and even field a new ticket to take the place of Gesher at the vanguard of the socio-eco-

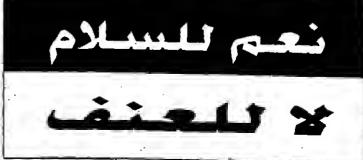
nomic lobby.
Levy's brother Maxim yester-day dismissed "these people who cheered us when they thought we were out to hurt the Likud and who now heap abuse upon us because they see us as banding together with the Likud.

The three parties still must approve the agreement. The Likud central committee is to meet next week to do so.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-ilish-speaking Jerusalem Rotery Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Prof. Avi Shmi-da will speak on: "Flower Economics."





Palestinian Center for The Study of Nonviolence



is being investigated," said Lt.rael, provided they get approval, ble if vacationers were killed or an official said yesterday. Col. Danny Tirza, an assistant to poll, which said 5 percent support Israel also plans today to re-OC Judea and Samaria Maj .the suicide attacks of the last 10 open the Kami crossing, through which the Dizengoff suicide days, another 15% said they op-Gen. Gabi Ofir. involve dangers.
He insisted Israel is not being "The officer was not sensitive pose them, but "understand the bomber was smuggled in, to alenough to the problem and will treated any differently from other face disciplinary action," he said, low food and other supplies to "They are trying to squeeze us countries, citing a recent similar reach Palestinians in the Gaza adding an army investigation reand to continue this collective days to Sri Lanka following Strip, said Shlomo Dror, a vealed there was no direct link punishment against all our peodomestic upheavals there, "We think Israel is a super place to go to," said Flook, "but we have to spokesman for the government between the officer's hehavior ple, all our workers, all our chilcoordinator in the territories. and the baby's death. dren, against all our families. It is "Once increased security ar-The army is also investigating an unhumanitarian act," Arafat rangements are complete, then the death of twins, born premasaid, before the new IDF mea-According to Flook, the we'll start using Karni crossing again," he said. "You have to turely after their mother was deresponse from Israeli officials sures were announced to ease the layed at an army roadblock as she food shortages caused by the clowas "stronger than I have ever remember that terrorists have was being taken from the village taken advantage of Israeli of Nahalin to a hospital in humanitarianism.' Bethlehem. ings and the situation calms He added that the two Beit Lid In Gaza, last week's rallies sions to be started again soon," he bombers posed as hlind people to against terror have become this enter into Israel. week's rallies against the closure. Deputy Defense Minister Ori which Palestine Authority Presi-On said the strict closure will not dent Yasser Arafat denounced as continue much longer. "an unhumanitarian act." Pales-"The closure was aimed at givtinians also demonstrated in Raing people a sense of security," mallah and Jericho. Orr said during a tour of Jordan "We bave already denounced Valley settlements. "The questerror, so why does Israel main-

tion is how long can we maintain tain collective punishment this kind of closure. People have to eat, and they have to work.

Until now, it has proven itself, but over time we will have to ease

Meanwhile, an IDF major will face court-martial in connection with the death of Shaker Sharagainst us?" asked Mohammed Kidwa, head of the Gaza chamber of commerce. "We want milk for our children and medicine for our sick," said banners in Gaza City.

Marwan Barghouti, who heads



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Gov't to help fund infrastructure in eastern Jerusalem

EVELYN GORDON

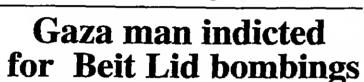
Knessei Committee will allocate some of the 1996 hudget funds to improviog infrastructure in eastern Jerusalem, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Lahor) said yesterday.

Gal also asked the government to prepare a five-year plan to close the gap between services in the eastern and western parts of the city. Giving equal services to all the city's inhabitants is the key to keeping the capital united under Israel's control, he said.

In a document submitted to the committee, the Jerusalem Muoicipality said it would need some NIS 55 million from the government to complete the work it wants to do in the eastern part of the city this year. lo total, it wants to spend some NIS 198 million there. Over a five-year period, the city said, it will need some NIS 300m., not including the money needed to huild an extra 325 classrooms or any money oeeded to expropriate land for roads or classrooms. This includes about NIS 200m. to build roads, NIS 52.3m, to

improve the water supply, and NIS 79m. for sewage and drainage. However, the city said, it does not have enough money to handle all these projects itself, so the government will have to help. According to the city, one of the most serious problems io improving infra-structure has been the lack of planning so the city has heeo forced to waste money on temporary roads rather than being able to huild permanent ooes. Lack of planning has also impeded efforts to improve the water supply and sewage systems. There are still large sections of east Jerusalem with oo sewage system at all, and many existing sections need to he replaced, the city said.

The city's basic assumption is that, as a uoited city uoder Israeli sovereignty, we bave a responsibility to create equality among all parts of the city," the document said. However, it noted that the city cannot handle the financial burdeo with cooperation and assistance from the government.



ABDEL Khalim Balhisi, 28, of Gaza was iodicted yesterday io Lod Military Coort for planning the Beit Lid bombings. The indictment also included other charges, among them memher-ship and activity in an illegal organization.

According to the indictment, Balhisi, a clothes mercbant, was convinced by colleague Iman Razeineb to join the Islamic Jibad's military arm towards the end of 1994. In December 1994, Balhisi agreed to Razeineb's request to help smuggle two Islamic Jibad members into Israel for a sui-. cide attack.

Razeineb allegedly later showed Balbisi a map indicating three potential sites for the attack - the Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Beit Lid junctions; all areas where many soldiers waited for

Balhisi also allegedly offered the use of his warehouse to store the explosives. Razeineh and another man then brought Balbisi three backpacks full of explosives, adding a plastic hottle full of gasoline and nails

to make them eveo more dead-

Three suicide bomhers were to bave been involved, with the first attacking and the others waiting until a sufficient number of people gathered at the spot before blowing themselves

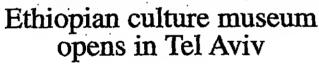
On Jaouary 21, 1995, Razeineb allegedly gave Balhisi the explosives, asking him to take them to Tulkarm, along with IDF nniforms for the suicide bomhers. Balhisi picked up two of the bombers the next day near Ashdod; the third bomber did not show up.

Anwar Sukar and Salab

Mabmed, the two suicide bombers, allegedly changed into the army clothes and boots in Balbisi's car, and be helped their put on the explosives before dropping them off at Beit Lid. Balbisi denied any connection to the charges and said statements were taken

from bim under pressure. the court ordered him held nntil the completion of proceedings against him.

(Itim)



BATSHEVA TSUR

BAHALACHIN, the Institute for Ethiopian Jewish Culture, was officially dedicated last night at a festive ceremooy in Tel Aviv.

The institute, set up by the immigration cabinet in December 1992 and funded by the government, is dedicated to the beritage of Beita Yisrael and will encourage original works of art among members of the community. It aims to familiarize the geoeral public with the cultural heritage

of Ethiopian Jews. Bahalachio ("our culture" in Amharic) is situated temporarily at 6 Simtat Beit Hashoeva, but will later move to permanent quarters in Ramat Aviv.

A library donated by the late Richard and Juliette Gutmann of Strassbourg was also opened at the site. It contains written documentation about Ethiopian Jewry

from all over the world and is open to researchers and the general public. It will also encourage original research into the commumry's beritage and provide scholarships for Ethiopian-born stu-

The library also cootains a video section, where oral histories and folk music have been recorded, and a computerized genealogical section.

The museum is headed by former Beit Hatefutsoth director Dr. Eli Ben-Gal and most of the staff are Ethiopians.

Last night's ceremooy was attended by Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, MK Emanoel Zissman, head of the Knesset Immigration Committee, kessim. and other leaders of the Beita Yisrael community.

Man arrested for forgery is wrongly released lifer

RAINE MARCUS

A resident of Rahat arrested Sunday for forging identity cards for Palestinians was mistakenly released from prison a decade ago instead of serving a life sentence for murder, police said yesterday.

The foul-up was revealed during Naif Bahiri's remand hearing yester-day following his arrest by the Tel Aviv frand squad. In 1979 Bahiri was convicted of rohbery by a district court and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. He was acquitted of a murder charge,

hut the district attorney appealed and Bahiri was convicted by the Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment. But according to police, court officials forgot to fill in and sign the documents that he had been imprisoned for life. Bahiri was sent to

prison for the robbery offenses and was released after seven years, after receiving a reduction for good behavior. When he was arrested this week, police checked the central computer and realized that Bahiri should in fact be in prison for murder. He was

remanded for nine days for the forgery offenses.

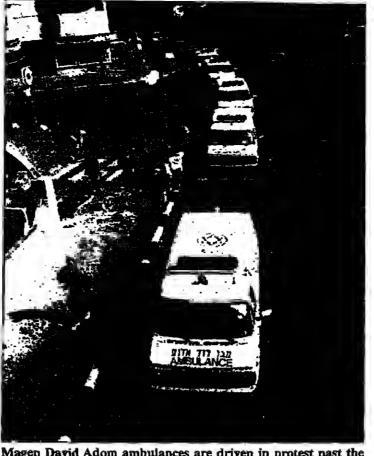
Abraham Fund to bestow record award

record sum of \$ 826,000 this year to 68 programs and projects for promoting coexistence between Jews and Arahs here. The fund was established in 1989 by New York businessman and philanthropist Alan Slifka.

"We see a special importance in advancing the declared goals in these difficult days in which

The Abraham Fund is to award a relations, cooperation, mutual trust between Jewish and Arab citizens are heing put to the test," said Rachelle Schilo, director of the fund's recently opened Israeli branch. The grants are to be awarded at a special ceremony in Haifa tonight.

David Rudge



Magen David Adom ambulances are driven in protest past the site of the Dizengoff Center bombing yesterday (Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Service for Oscar van Leer

DUTCH industrialist and philanthropist Oscar van Leer, who had been instrumental in a variety of initiatives here, died on February 19. A memorial service for him will be held tomorrow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, which he presided over for many years.

Van Leer founded the Oldelft Optical Industry in 1939 and later managed his family's business, which produced packaging products. The husiness's profits are given to the Bernard van Leer Foundation of the Hague, which sponsors educational and welfare activities in 40 coun-

In addition to his charitable activities, Van Leer maintained an office in Scheveningen dedicated to encouraging Dutch husiness iovolvement in Israel. With Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, Van Leer established the Sor-Van Radiation Ltd. in Yavne and his Oldelft Optical established the Electro-Optical industry in Rehovot. He was an honorary citizeo of Jerusalem and a past president of the Anti-Defamation League's

Queen Beatrix knighted him and later awarded him the Honorary Medal for Ingenuity and Energetic Activity. Jerusulem Post Staff

MDA workers to begin sanctions on Sunday

UNLESS the government allo-cates NIS 7 million to pay for 68 medics to accompany Magen David Adom amhulance drivers at oight, MDA workers will begio sanctions on Sunday that could lead to the shutdown of the organization. This was announced yesterday hy the MDA workers' union, which met at its headquarters to discuss

their demands. Yesterday, MDA workers refused to collect blood, transport hospital patients home, or give first-aid courses. The sanctions were meant to last only 24 hours, but they will be resumed, and inteosified, uoless the

money is found. During the day, amhulance driJUDY SIEGEL

ver/medics are accompanied by volunteers and women doing national service, but at night, they are alone, and find it impossible to resuscitate patients while driving them to the hospital.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has proposed that soldiers be specially trained to serve as oight medics, but the Histadrut and the MDA union oppose this, arguing that they would be cheap labor and less-qualified than professional medics. The union said it would agree to the use of soldiers only in amhulances in the

A union spokesman said training soldiers to work as medics

would cost mooey and take time; hut more importantly, soldiers would be replacing qualified MDA staffers who have been dismissed due to budgetary culbacks.

Soch will meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and MDA officials oo Sunday, before the cabinet meeting, to discuss the demands.

Off-duty staff parked 20 amhulances outside MDA headquarters yesterday.

After the geoeral meeting, they drove slowly past three past terror attack sites in Tel Aviv to demonstrate the vital work they have done to save lives. They may do the same in Jerusalem next week

Commission: MKs' car allowances not pensionable **EVELYN GORDON**

car insurance payments should

The Treasury objected streou-

ously, saying this would increase MKs pensionable salaries by some 29.5%, or NIS 3,880 a mooth, and would there-

fore drive up salaries for some 3,000 public-sector workers

whose wages are linked to those

of MKs. It therefore asked the

commission to reconsider its

be made pensionable.

MKS' car allowances should oot he pensiooahle, the Roseo-Zvi Commissioo decided yesterday io a reversal of its previous

The commission bad recommended a wide-ranging reform on MKs' peosions, which was approved by the Knesset House Committee oo Monday. The main point of the reform was that MKs should only accnmulate pension rights worth 2% of their salaries a year, like ordinary citizens, instead of the 4% a year they have accumulated until now. However, it also stipulated that car allowances and

After doing so, the commission yesterday announced it had reversed its stand. In a letter to

the Honse Committee, chairman Ariel Rosen-Zvi said the commissioo's original decision had heeo hased oo a mistaken belief that, under the recommendations of the Zussman Committee on public-sector wages, car allowances would be pensiooable for the eotire public sector.

Furthermore, Rosen-Zvi said, the commission had underestimated the degree to which this change would inflate publicsector wages. After seeing that the Treasury's fears on this score were reasonable, the commissioo changed its mind, he

Polish president to block shopping center next to Auschwitz

POLISH President Aleksander Kwasniewski yesterday promised Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss he would do everything possible to thwart plans to build a shopping and entertainment center next to the Auschwitz concentration

LIAT COLLINS

Kwasniewski phoned Weiss at the Knesset following the protest letter Weiss sent him Mooday, in which he decried plans to establish the complex next to the site which more than any other symbolizes the Jewish Holocaust."

The president said having received Weiss's letter and other protests be intended to address the Polish people on radio last night and do everything possible to stop the shopping complex from being

Israel Needs a New Policy Not an International Fig Leaf

Israel needs a new policy to achieve peace and security, not an international fig leaf for the failed "peace process"

The Sharem el Sheik Summit was initially touted as an international conference on co-operation in the fight against terrorism. First the organizers internationalized terrorism to remove the focus from Arab terrorism. Then the conference's intended purpose became "saving the peace process".

Indeed, the two are mutually exclusive. Terrorism, Palestinian Arab terrorism, cannot and will not be fought as long as the Oslo peace process continues. The Oslo agreements with the PLO have been the result of a process predicated on the notion of a new Middle East which does not exist other than in the mind of Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The policies of the present Israeli government have destroyed Israel's intelligence capability, emasculated the Israel Defense Forces and legitimated the world's premiere terrorist organization for over 25 years - the PLO, and its head, the Godfather of international terror, Yasser Arafat. This does not foster peace, it breeds terrorism and warfare.

The facts speak for themselves.

1. In the 2 1/2 years prior to the signing of the Oslo Agreement (March 9, 1991 to September 8, 1993) 99 Israelis were killed by Palestinian terrorists. In the 2 1/2 years since the signing (September 9. 1993 to March 8, 1996) 213 Israelis have been slaughtered by Palestinian terrorists in Israel.* An increase of over 100%.

2. The four worst years of Arab terror since 1967 in which the largest number of Israelis were killed or maimed were the past four years under the Labor/Meretz government, 1994, 1996, 1993, 1995 - in that order.

The "Peace process" has brought only death and destruction, pain and suffering. No international conference committed to its continuation can fight terrorism. Only a new government led by Benjamin Netanyahu, which seeks peace in a rational and responsible fashion can bring real peace-by truly fighting Arab terrorism at the same time. Not with a charade of proclamations, handshakes, staged productions and international festivals are peace and security achieved, but rather with the sober understanding of unpleasant realities and with the patience and the courage to act.

* These are the official statistics of "Peace Watch" and include attacks in Yesha, The number of victims include foreign visitors to Israel and Arabs who were killed in attacks aimed at murdering Jews.

Israeli Citizens for Change and The Yesha Council



Monday that the American naval

buildup was meant to "reassure

our friends in the area that we

and peace of that region."

would help in case of attack.

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Beijing fears that President Lee

Teng-hui, the frontrunner in the

Taiwan independent

considerable economic clout.

The trial stems from the massacre

of 13 people by military-trained gummen belonging to Inkatha. The squad had targeted Victor Null, an activist allied to the rival African

National Congress.
Null wasn't at his home near

Durban, but the squad killed 13 of

his relatives and friends who

were. They included eight chil-

One survivor, Anna Khumalo,

34, said that she and her four-year-

old child hid in a cupboard as peo-

ple were shot in another room.

Khumalo cowered in the cupboard

until dawn, too terrified to answer

the cries of e child whose mother

had been killed. She later found

the child asleep on top of e corpse.

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Traffic Arrangements for the arrival of the President of the United States in Jerusalem

The Municipality of Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Police welcome the President of the United States Mr. Bill Clinton to Israel and to its capital Jerusalem.

We apologize that due to security considerations and the need to ensure the well being of the president and his entourage there will be traffic restrictions throughout the city, from Wednesday, Adar 22, 5756, (13.3.96) at 19:00 Thursdey, Adar 23, 5756, (14.3.96), in the afternoon.

All streets used by the presidential motorcada will be closed 45 minutes before it passes through. No parking will be allowed on these streets.

All cars parked on these streets will be towed to the Israel Museum's parking lot.

If you believe your car may have been towed, diel 100 for information.

PARKING IS FORBIDDEN IN THESE PARKING LOTS:

Wednesday (13.3.96) from early morning till late at night all parking lots around the President's Residence, around the Laromme Hotsl and around the Jerusalem Theater.

from 06:00 till 14:00 the area around Mount Herzi from 06:00 till 11:00 all the parking lots around the Prime Minister's Office (this also applies to all workers.) from 06:00 to 12:00 the Jerusalem International Convention

THESE ROUTES WILL CLOSE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS: -

Wednesday (13.3.96) from 19:00 to 20:45

the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway, the main entrance to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, Sderot Zalman Shazar, Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Halm Hazaz, Rehov Aza, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Kikar Plumer, Rehov Jabotinsky, and Rehov Hanasi.

Note: Along all of the ebove mentioned roads parking will be forbidden from early in the morning.

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Rehov Jabotinsky, Kikar Plumer, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Aza, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Derech Rupin, Tsomet Haminhala, and the Prime Minister's Office.

Prime Minister's Office, Tsomet Haminhala, Derech Rupin, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Sderot from 11:30 to 12:00-

Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Rehov Aza, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Keren

Havesod, Kikar Plumer, and Rehov Jabotinsky. from 13:00 to 14:00-

Kikar Plumer, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Aza, Rehov Herzog, Rehov Bezalel Bezeg, Rehov Shmuel Bayit, Sderot Herzl, and Mount Herzi.

Sderot Herzi, Rehov Shmuel Beyit, Rehov Bezalel Bezeg, Rehov Herzog, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Zalman Shazar, Glnot Sacharov, Jerusalem-Tel Aviv

Note; At 14:00 the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway will be closed in both directions.

There may be changes in the routes and in the timetable without any prior notice. The roads involved will open as soon as the convoy passes.

Deer Citizens For your own convenience, don't enter the above areas by private vehicle, and if possible use public transportation. The bus routes will change in accordance with the president's timetable.

You are requested to be patient and understanding, and to obey police orders.

Ongoing reports on the traffic situation will be given over the radio. For further information call the 24-hour Municipality hotline 106.

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Ashdar building, Entrance B, Floor 1, Tel. 03-5654679, 03-5654641. Bids ahould be submitted in a sealed envelope, and be places in Tenders Box No. 1, in the Pal-Yam building, Haifa (address as above) by the last date for eubmitting bids, as stated above.

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Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation). The Electric Corporation retains the right to negotiate, where this is legally permissible.

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China flexes muscles Loyalists warn IRA: in Taiwan war games We'll fight

CHINA began new war games in the Taiwan Strait yesterday in a show of force that used jets and warships to drive home its warning to Taiwan not to seek indepen-

While Beijing flexed its mili-tary muscles, it also cautioned Washington not to give Taiwan's government - which does not advocate independence - the impression that any such move

would have US support. China's exercises involved 10 warships and at least 10 planes on bombing and interception missions, according to Taiwan's Defense Ministry.

"They [the exercises] began around noon," a Defense Ministry official told Reuters.

The exercises, which followed Chinese missile tests begun off Taiwan last Friday, are due to last until just three days before Taiwan's first direct presidential election on March 23.

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) -

Survivors of a 1987 massacre that

has brought some of white-ruled

South Africa's most powerful men

to trial described yesterday cow-

ering in fear as gunmen slaugh-

Meanwhile. Zulu nationalist

leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

named in court documents as

squarely behind the training of

fighters who carried out the

killings, said he had "a very clear

Chilling testimony from the sur-

vivors came a day after former

Defense Minister Magnus Malan

and 19 others, including top former

generals, denied charges of murder,

attempted murder and conspiracy.

conscience about it."

tered people in the next room.

WILLIAM KAZER TAIPE

Taiwan defense authorities were watching closely, and said the maneuvers so far had been conducted within an area designated by China in the Taiwan Strait.

The United States was also casting a wary eye on China's display of firepower, beefing up its forces off Taiwan.

The US carrier Nimitz, a submarine and six other ships were to leave the Gulf this week to join the task force already off Taiwan, including the carrier Independence and its warship group, US officials said.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said in Beijing that Washington should sage of support for independence.

"If that message were relayed to Taiwan, it would create real

not send Taipei a misleading mes-

Buthelezi says conscience clear

Their trial is the biggest of top apartheid officials since Nelson

Mandela was elected South

J.P. Opperman, a former mili-

tary intelligence officer and key

prosecution witness, told the court

yesterday that be took up duties in

1986 as second-in-command of a

secret operation to train recruits

from Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom

Party at a base in South-West

trainees would be released "to f-

up the African Nadonal Congress,"

Opperman said, the most direct tes-

timony yet supporting accusations

that the military hierarchy headed

by Malan fomented violence.

Senior officers informed him the

Africa, now Namibia.

Africa's president in 1994.

SA massacre survivor hid in cupboard;

US Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord said late on

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BELFAST (Reuter) - Pro-British Protestant guerrillas have issued a warning saying they were ready to retaliate against a renewed cam-paign against British rule in Northern Ireland by their rivals,

have a big stake in the stability the Irish Republican Army.

We are poised and ready to strike to effect," the Combined A newspaper poll released in Loyalist Military Command, an umbrella group of Protestant guerrillas in Northern Ireland. Taiwan yesterday showed that most Taiwanese believe the US China has regarded Taiwan as a said. "We will give blow for blow, renegade province since the end As in the past, whatever the cost, we will gladly pay it."

In a statement, the group did not of a civil war in 1949, and vows to use force if Taiwan drops a pledge

specifically say Protestant guerrillas would end a cease-fire called in October 1994 a few weeks after the IRA had called its own truce.

island's first direct election for Protestant extremists, known as president, is pushing to make Loyalists because they are "loyal" to British rule, had withstood Lee denies this, saying he only provocation in the shape of four wants a bigger international role bombs in London in the five for Taiwan, more in line with its weeks since the IRA ended its cease-fire, the statement said.

Minutes after it declared an end to its 17-month cease-fire, the IRA set off a bomb in London's Docklands district, killing two peo-ple and injuring 100. Ten days later police defused e second bomb and a third went off on a bus, killing the

IRA guerrilla who was carrying it. A fourth IRA bomb exploded in e rubbish bin in West London's Earl's Court area early on Saturday, but no one was hurt.

From a position of confidence, strength and sophistication, we have withstood the recent provocation of IRA bombs on the mainland which have killed our innocent British fellow citizens," the Loyalist statement said.

These atrocities cannot be permitted to continue without a telling response from this source." It said threats of war would oot lessen Protestants' resolve that Northern Ireland remain part of

How Dole might have to deal with Buchanan

ROBERT BECKEL

LOS ANGELES - There is now litthe doubt that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole will be the Republican presidential nominee. But there is a great deal of doubt about what the nomination is

Dole will inherit a party that is bloodied and battered. No recent campaign has been as nasty as this, and until and unless Dole can make peace with Patrick Buchanan, his

nomination could prove worthless. Making peace with Buchanan is easier said than done. In a 24-hour period last week, Buchanan referred to Dole as a "bellhop for the business round-table," "empty vessel" and "clueless." Not exactly the words you use among friends.

But lest we torget, it was Dole

and his establishment elephants that started the name-calling. After New Hampshire, Dole referred to Buchanan as an extremist and dangerous. Former Education Secretary William Bennett called Buchanan worse names and then went so far as to say be wouldn't support bim

The Tel Aviv Foundation

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against President Clinton. So it is in this climate that Dole must reach an accommodation with Buchanan. Good luck! He might have a better shot at getting Roseanne and Tom Arnold back

together. .. City of the fee The job of detente becomes more difficult as Dole begins the process of convincing Colin Powell to reverse himself and run for vice president. The Dole camp says the list is long yeah, right. There is only one candidate who can help Dole's vision-challenged campaign, and that is Powell. Any other names you hear are choppe liver. Powell could be persuaded to take the job after all, it's the fastest and safest route to the top job, since, at Dole's age, more

than one term is unlikely. But enter Buchanan. He has made it abundantly clear that Powell is unacceptable to Buchanan and his peasant

brigades. Buchanan critics say that, at best, he will have only 20 percent to 25 percent of the convention delegates in San Diego if he stays in the race (he will), and that Dole can put anyone on the ticket he wants. Not so fast. Not only can 25 percent of delegates cause real trouble, they also reflect a fiercely loyal constituency that Buchanan has devel-

Dole needs Buchanan voters to beat Clinton in November. These are people who were fiercely loyal to Ronald Reagan but highly suspicious of the insider Dole. Many are former of current disatfected Democrats, who could • Finance e Buchanan fall camswing back if Buchanan is mugged in San Diego. So what can Dole do to reach an

accommodation with Buchanan? Some hard-learned suggestions: To begin, he should ask to meet with Buchanan and agree to a cease-fire, even apologize publicly for some of the anti-Buchanan remarks. Dole should recognize that Buchanan has had a history of being a good

Republican and wants to beat

Clinton. He should remind Buchanan that without his help, that would be difficult. He should remind Buchanaa

that a third party or a Ross Perot campaign would almost certainly end the GOP's revolution of '94; and if Buchanan participated, he would be a man without a party. · He should give Buchanan the pro-life plank he wants in the party platform /Except for true believers - and pro-lifers are true

believers - platforms mean little. It is a small price to pay. Develop fair trade and corporate downsizing planks for the platform that reflect Buchanan's concerns but don't sell out Dole's beliefs. Give Buchanan e prime-time

convention speech. paign to rally his supporters behind Dole.

All this may or may not work, but it's worth a try. The alternative is e disaster. Buchanan and his supporters are not going away and the establishment better stop calling them names and give them a key to the castle.

Beckel, a political analyst on CBS, served as campaign manager for Walter Mondale in 1984. (Los Angeles Times)

Ministry of Immigrant Absorption



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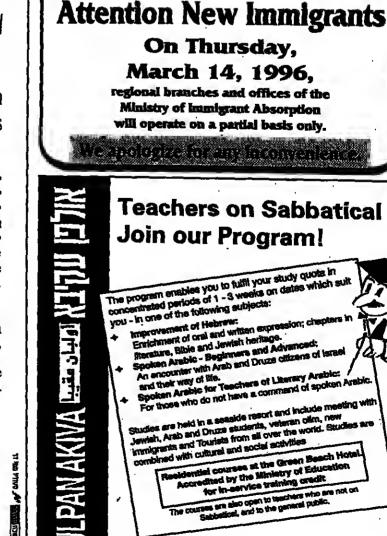
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Murderous plots were hatched while Israel blithely took the PA's cooperation for granted, Nadav Ha'etzni writes

AST month, on the third Friday in Ramadan, Sheikh Hamed Bitawi preached the main sermon in the Temple Mount mosques.

Hundreds of thousands of people from all over Judea. Samaria and Gaza, granted entry permits to Jerusalem by the IDF, clustered at his feet, thirstily drinking in his every word.

The sheikh, a resident of autonomous Nablus and a leader of the Hamas expellees of 1991. wasted no words. Voicing the standard reperioire of anti-Israel incitement, he called for combating Israel and those who sell land to Israelis, and urged the Palestinian Authority (PA) to impose Islamic law on Palestine.

When he appealed to the assemhled crowds with great pathos and said, "Let whoever is in favor of Islamic rule raise his hand," an endless sea of hands was raised. The story of Sheikh Batawi

casts some light on the question that baffles most of the Israeli public: how we suddenly arrived at the wrenching bereavement of the last few weeks.

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His story reveals the odd triangular relationship which had taken shape between the Israeli government, the PA and Hamas until just before the last wave of bombings. In the shadow of this relationship, the murderous plots that so shook the public and our leadership were hatched.

Sheikh Batawi is one of the most extreme ideologues among the Hamas leaders in Judea and Samaria. He was nevertheless enlisted by the PA, given a very senior, high-salaried position in the Palestinian Ministry of Religion, and made deputy "kadi of all the kadis."

That Batawi has not made the slightest change in his political and theological thinking and, some claim, not even in his ties with cells of Izzadin Kassam, did not prevent the PLO leader from tightly embracing him, intending to make him moderate his criticisms of the PA. Yasser Arafat bought political silence, and Batawi bought creative silence.

. Batawi's reloseness to the taling power is part of Arafat's policy of keeping Hamas guns aimed as far away as possible from the PA's senior officials, but not necessarily away from the Israeli public. while adopting - at least superficially - some of the new allies'

SOME OF the venerable sheikhs

were simply bought with money and positions, without being asked to change their attitudes toward Israel.

For example, Talal Sidar, one of the 1991 expellees, is now in charge of an influential Islamic association in Hehron whose offices were sealed last Tuesday evening. Or Taisir Tamimi, head of the Shari'a court in Hebron and high up in the Shari'a system in Judea and Samaria.

Recently, Arafat and Tamimi appeared together in Dura, a town on the ridge south of Hebron. They stood together on the plat-form, jovially clasping hands. This week, Sheikh Jamil Hamami's name was mentioned

as the main address for Hamas activity in Jerusalem - the same Hamami who in January 1995 spoke at the Abu Dis campus, whose huildings were also raided last week.

He said then, "Those who don't know us think that we are not active. We have taught this generation that rights are taken by force, unt hy pleading.

Yes, the time has come for the explosion, the stage of preparation is over. Gentlemen, we have not forgotten for a single day Jerusalem, Haifa, Jaffa ... and all of Palestine. The road is very. very long, but you must continue on it until victory or death for Allah. My wish is to die as a mar-

Hamami made this speech at a meeting to protest a previous Israeli raid on the campus, At the same meeting, Ahu Ala (Ahmed Qreia), one of the "moderates" in the Palestinian leadership, also made a savage speech. Yasser Arafat spoke to the participants hy amplified telephone, as usual.

After this, Hamami was put on trial in an Israeli court, and - surprise! - it was the PA which funded his defense. Afterwards, be was drawn into the inner circle at Orient House and became a regular participant at Faisal Husseini's meetings. He was also present at the sessions of the body calling itself Passia, in which the future of Jerusalem was discussed with Israel's Osio veterans Ron Pundak and Yair Hirshfeld:

Hamami was even mentioned as one of the leaders of the joint National list in the elections to the Palestinian Council in Jerusalem,

IN THE last few weeks there has been an unending stream of accusations against Arafat by senior



Anti-Israel proclamations continue to be made on the Temple Mount, but now the preacher is employed bŷ Arafat.

Israeli officers and politicians. Suddenly we hear that Arafat has not fulfilled his commitments in the security sphere.

Every interviewed army officer now reveals that until a few days ago Arafat had not been making arrests or holding trials, and that when he does do something it is usually just for show.

The show was still going on last week. Most of those arrested in Gaza were minor figures, and certainly not leaders of terrorist organizations. Even the "peace demonstrations" orcbestrated by the Palestinian Authority turned into anti-Israeli demonstrations.

In Nahlus, the demonstrators were mostly protesting the Israelproduced "starvation and curfew." Nor should anyone he impressed by the life sentence

meted out last Tuesday to Mohammed Ahu Warda, who had enlisted the network of suicide bombers in Ramallah. The security services know that all the terrorists sentenced to long imprisonment in the PA's special courts as a result of Israeli pressure are The PA leadership has acted

mostly in the opposite direction, making an important contribution to the perpetuation of Ythye Ayyasb's ideas among the whole Palestinian people. It was Arafat who proclaimed Ayyash a martyr. It was Arafat who called for the firing of gun salutes in his honor. And it was Arafat who paid a condolence visit to his family and the

Hamas leadership. Under Arafat's auspices the legacy of "the Engineer" became Israeli intelligence community for endangering the handing over of

a central issue in the election campaign for the PA Council, All candidates made massive use of their identification with the murderer and the path he had chosen. They all opened their election meetings with a minute's silence in memory of the "Palestinian hero and martyr.'

Arafat himself has gone even further. He has adopted extreme Islamic motifs which he incorporates in all his speeches. He usually incorporates verses from the repertoire of Islamic fundamentalism and repeatedly expresses his identification with his "brother," Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

A VISIT to Bethlehem, Al-Fawar and Hebron this week made clear how strongly these messages from the chairman have been absorbed. Among many Palestinians - not all - there was great joy at the pictures of dismembered corpses telecast from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. In a Hebron restaurant which I visited this week, a portrait of one of the wanted Hamas terrorists, eliminated by the IDF two years ago, was prominently displayed.

Next to the portrait hung a calendar featuring small pictures of martyrs, members of Izzadin Kassam, brandishing their weapons. Many of those I spoke to in the street in Hehron did not conceal their indifference to the slaughter of Jews. It was the same story in Bethlehem and other places.

a long time; it was known all along that Arafat was issuing false reports about arrests and the presence in Gaza of terrorist chiefs. The agreements he concluded with Hamas and Islamic Jihad were also known. There was even an assessment in the Israeli security forces that the dialogue with Hamas was what would ensure the end of terrorism.

This, despite a Hamas undertaking not to carry out attacks from territory under PA control, which meant that the massacres at Dizengoff Center and on the No. 18 huses were "kosher" from their point of view.

It's not clear whether Arafat himself was taken in by the Hamas deceit. Probably not, but the Israeli political-security leadership certainly did fall into the Israel allowed senior Hamas

members to leave Judea and Samaria for Gaza to hold their dialogue with Arafat. The PA secretary has even claimed that Israel, too, had conducted secret talks with Hamas.

THE MONTHS since the last suicide attacks encouraged Israelis to believe that the gamble on a dialogue with Hamas had succeeded. Sources close to Hamas explained to this writer the reason for the prolonged cessation of attacks. Hamas had indeed promised Arafat it would lower its profile until the PA took control of most of the territories.

Arafat's political adversaries ALL THIS has been known to the were persuaded it wasn't worth

to Palestinian control. Later, they agreed to maintain the lull until after the elections for the Palestinian Council in January. Then came Ramadan, not the right month for terrorist strikes as far as Palestinian public opinion is concerned. And then, three days after the Moslem festival of Id al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, the murder campaign was resumed.

While Arafat increases his intimacy with the heads of the "political branch," and negotiates with the heads of the "military branch," like Mohammed Deif, all Hamas operatives continued hatching plots. Most experts admit now that at least some of the sheikhs usually described as the "political level," including some earning their keep from Arafat, were in on the grand conspiracy.

IN GENERAL, some experts on Hamas reject the notion that there is a separation between the military and political wings of the organization, or that there is a split within it.

The Islamic front is comprehensive, and it deals primarily with education. The teachers locate the most serious candidates and give their names to members of Izzadin Kassam, which then recruits them.

Men like Ythye Ayyash and Mohiaddin Sharif, who have hitherto reaped most of the fame, are actually technicians preparing and collating the components of human bombs. It is the "political branch" figures who have the central role in the process of turning out suicide terrorists; they brainwash the candidates and provide the most important factor of the "bomh": the mind.

Already at the start of the Oslo process, "working conditions" for that brand of murderer had improved. In the new spirit in the relations with the Palestinians, the IDF and the GSS were ordered not to bear down on the population and to reduce friction. This order had immediate implications on the freedom of movement of the attackers, especially their free access to arms and ammunition.

The Palestinians' takeover of Gaza and Jericho symbolized a most dramatic turnabout; these two Palestinian enclaves became cities of refuge for the terrorists. Beyond freedom to engage in terrorist "creativity," a substantive change was perceived in their ability to acquire weapons and explosives. There is an easy flow of explosives and weapons from Egypt, through tunnels passing under the frontier and by sea. The weapons and ammunition are smuggled out of Gaza in various ways, sometimes even in the vehicles of senior PA officials, who are exempt from searches.

For more than a year, the market for weapons and explosives in flourishing. This week, I was offered an illegal handgun in

BEFORE OSLO, the GSS used to concentrate on one effort; to block the infiltration of weapons and explosives into the territories. The new redeployments have transferred this responsibility to Jibril Rajoub and his associates. The results are known.

The withdrawal from the cities of Judea and Samaria marked the central phase in the consolidation of the terrorist networks. The Jerusalem network was organized at the Teachers' Seminary in Ramaliah, and recruited its human resources from all over Judea and Samaria. The Gaza branches prepared the dispatch of the 'human bomh" to Dizengoff with no interference from anyone. The full freedom within the Palestinian towns and the almost totally free traffic between them has made the work of the terrorists much easier than ever before. At the stormy cabinet meeting

on Monday evening, security officials repeated their complaints about the absence of intelligence; as a result of the meeting, I met once more with Palestinian acquaintances, former GSS informants, who have been warning me over and over these past two years, "You are on the verge of an intelligence catastrophe. All your infrastructure is gone, and in addition you have betrayed us, and no one will want to work with you in the future. You will have problems with Arafat and you won't have a clue how to start dealing with them."

Anyone driving through Hebron or Nablus this week saw that after Tuesday the IDF had again taken control of Area B, where it has overall security responsibility under the agreement; but in fact those areas were in the process of coming under full Palestinian control. Most of the homes of the suicide terrorists are in Area B.

All the crossing points between the Palestinian enclaves were closed this week, which undoubtedly hindered the terrorist networks operating in the area. But the government cannot continue with this policy for long; at most, it can be done for a few more days. Otherwise, the agreement with the Palestinians will col-

Arafat's associates again emphasized over the weekend that he has no intention of responding to the demand to really crush the terrorist leaders. He will not risk war with them. Under these circumstances, anyone still surprised at the current wave of terror and continuing to believe in the security concept of the Oslo agreements will be surprised again and again.

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PA under pressure to crack chain of terror

LAMIA LAHOUD

ASSER Arafat will be expected to deliver to L today's terrorism summit in Egypt something more concrete than words on his crackdown on Hamas and Islamic

Israel for a start wants him "to deliver the head of Mohammed Dief," said a PA security officer. Dief, the Izzadin Kassam chief believed by Israeli and Palestinian security hosses to be the organizer of the terrorist blitz, is said to be hiding in Gaza.

A senior Palestinian security source in Gaza told The Jerusalem Post that interrogation of Izzadin Kassam members have led the PA closer to Dief.

Israeli OC Central Command Gen. Han Biran has expressed skepticism at the sincerity of the effort and accused some PA security officers of protecting Dief.

Members of the PA's security services said in the last week that the authority has started developing a strategy. PA security sources say their

current strategy is to target not only the armed militants. but to improve information by rounding up izzadin Kassam activists and leaders for interrogation.

The PA is also targeting the group's financing and communi-cation network and leaders here and abroad who order attacks. A senior member of the PA's

security services in Gaza said several Kassam communication networks at universities and other places have been found. He said money for Hamas

comes in from its members in Arab states such as Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. He said Arafat wants to tell the conference he is willing to share

responsibility for the crackdown on terrorists with Israel, Jordan and Egypt The security officer said Arafat hopes the international community will supply him with counterterrorist equipment and with

money for the police and security Palestinian Brig.-Gen. Ziad Attrash, who cochairs the Israeli-Palestinian joint security commit-

tee for cooperation and coordination, said the conference would be only the start of cooperation to fight the terrorists.

THE MOUNTING pressure on the PA to hunt down Islamic extremists triggered internal tensions between the police and security services. It almost resulted in the removal of PA Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajouh.

PA officials said the problem was solved and Rajonh retained his job.

Israeli military and Western diplomatic sources said that media reports of Arafat wanong to fire Rajoub for refusing to crack down on Hamas were

They said that, in fact, Israel has been pleased with Rajouh's efforts in the aftermath of the hloody suicide attacks.

The sources added that Rajouh's people had done more than other Palestinian security forces. The diplomatic sources said that the US, as well as Israel, had been pleased with Rajouh.

Sources close to Rajouh said replacing him would have resulted in a confrontation. Many of Rajouh's men said they would have refused to work with Husseini Sheikh, Rajoub's suggested replacement. They even wrote to Arafat, warning that they would not accept Rajouh's

Sheikh runs the crime division of the Palestinian civil police in Ramallah and Bethlehem and used to work for Rajoub until he left the preventive security service after differences with him.

Following the attacks, Rajouh personally arrested the terrorist who recruited the suicide bombers for the Jerusalem buses. He said he led his men to the Ramallab Teachers' College in pursuit of Mohammed Ahu Warda, believed to have recruited the spicide bombers, who was found hiding in the toilets.

With Abu Warda surrounded, Rajouh waited for him to surrender. Rajoub said the suspect then confessed under interrogation.

Terror exposes inter-Arab rivalries

HE terrorist attacks on Israel's streets have had two immediate political consequences - the convening of todays international "peacemakers' summit" against terrorism, and the beginnings of a serious discussion in Israel about the politics hehind the horrors.

Many Israelis were agnated last week hy the comment of Izzadin Kassam terrorist Mohammed Ahu Warda on television that the political aim of his murderous assaults was to damage the Lahor party in favor of Likud.

Any televised statement from a person "investigated" in Jihril Rajoub's basements is suspect, to say the least. But the question remains - what were the policical monivations behind the atroci-

The major shortcoming of the Oslo agreements is not their for-

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mulation - it is Yasser Arafat. The choice of Arafat as a strate-gic partner for Israel was always likely to be troublesome, hecause

Arafat was under severe limita-

Except for Egypt, he had no allies in the Arab capitals important to Israel - Amman and Damascus.

Moreover, the more Israel granted Arafat "rewards," the more those capitals worried.

Jordan was concerned that once Arafat established himself in the West Bank, he would meddle on the East Bank. His inflammatory speeches in West Bank cities, addressed to "all Palestinians, wherever you are," did nothing to allay Jordanian concerns.

Arafat's history with Syria is a similarly difficult one, including great personal antagonism between himself and President

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Stability in Jordan is also a Syrian interest. Even Assad prefers King Hussein as a neighhor to some fundamentalist Palestinian.

The Jordanian leadership for sure is not happy with the current situation, which puts its own position in danger, although hy no means is Jordan a terror state. As for Syria, it is donbtful if it

really approves of such a crazv terrorist hlitz as those on Bus 18 and at Dizengoff, even if it is well known for using terrorist methods to achieve its own goals elsewhere. Nonetheless, Syria's absence

from the anti-terrorism summit casts deep shadows over its willingness to be a peace and securi-

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Syria's initial response was that it would be better to reconvene

the Madrid conference. This suggests that Syria preferred the Madrid formula, simply because Arafat was not there. forced at the time to send a delegation from the territories.

Mamduh Nawfal, a member of the old PLO delegation, says in his memoirs that one of Syria's conditions for participating in Madrid was the PLO's absence.

Jordan is more passive. But last week tension developed between the Palestinian Authority and Jordan about Amman's alleged involvement with Hamas.

PA sources said the Palestinians caught a Jordanian with a list of people who bad received money from the Hamas center in

Prince Hassan had to intervene personally to assure the PA that the Jordanian government had had no involvement whatsoever in this affair.

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In fact it is highly prohable that the Hamas terrorists were not primarily aiming at Shimon Peres's head when they embarked on their terrorist wave, but that of Arafat.

Peres is merely paying the political price for his loyalty to his partner.

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Two welcome visits

TWO overlapping visits this week by foreign dignitaries may say more about Isra-el's realities than the "peacemakers" show at Sharm e-Sheikh and the various spectacular international conferences of recent

The visit by Turkish President Suleyman Demirel is a reminder of the kind of peace Israel may hope to establish with the whole Moslem world. Turkey, with which Israel has had diplomatic relations since the establishment of the state, is a modern, Western-oriented democracy which happens to be Moslem. While religion plays an important role in the country's life, it does not dominate its political thinking and policy decisions. Trade, tourism, and academic and business ties between Turkey and Israel are

Had the Arab countries in the Middle East become modern democracies like Turkey, it would have been possible for Israel to view them as potential allies and hope for a new era

and a lasting peace. Demirel spoke on Monday of the similarities between the two countries. Unfortunately, no such talk is yet possible about Israel and the Arab regimes.

Another distinguished visitor was Mayor Ru-

dolph Giuliani of New York. While having no geo-political significance, his visit reminded Israelis of one of the country's greatest assets: the unconditional, no-strings-attached friendship of the American people. That Giuliani headed a delegation of New Yorkers who came to show their solidarity with Israel after the past weeks' terror attacks is a measure of this friendship. The US-Israel relationship is not merely an alliance born of mutual interests, but a bond of two peoples who share values, ideals, and

It is to such democratic allies and friends, not to dictators and tyrants, that Israel can look for support and understanding as it attempts to defend itself against terrorists and their

New alliance on the right

THE deals, horse trades, political mar-riages, and acrimonious divorces which plague Israel's political parties often bring to mind Winston Churchill's pungent observation: democracy is the worst system of government known to man, except for any other.

One such less-than-wholesome deal was consummated yesterday between the recently formed Likud-Tsomet alliance and the new party, Gesher, established only weeks ago by Likud renegade David Levy. It would be nice to believe that what motivated all sides was only a selfless desire to save the country from what they consider the disastrous policies of the Labor-Meretz government. But such faith in purely patriotic motives may turn out to be Pollyannish.

It is far more likely that this awkward marriage of convenience is a symbiotic if not an opportunistic arrangement. The Likud, smarting from the 1992 defeat caused by the splintering of the "national camp," wants to ensure that such a self-inflicted defeat is not repeated. It must be aware, too, of the electorate's preference for political bodies representing unity and cohesiveness, and it undoubtedly hopes that the combined forces of the alliance's three components will draw more votes than they would separately.

For Tsomet the alliance is a way to ensure seats in the next Knesset for seven of its members, a number which seems out of reach for the party if it runs independently. And for Levy this

is the only antidote to complete political bankruptcy. The polls now show his party getting two seats in the next Knesset. And it is probably safe to assume that, had he decided to run at the head of an independent party, he would have had trouble passing the threshold needed to enter the Knesset altogether.

And yet, for all the cynicism they evoke, such unions of political forces must be greeted with approval. Fragmentation has been an unmitigated curse of Israel's politics since the establishment of the state. Much of the time and creative energy of its politicians and statesmen have gone into unfathomable rivalries, divisions, and vendettas. What is now no more than a tactical alliance to achieve an election victory may blossom into a true amalgamation of forces

whose beliefs on cardinal issues are similar.

That Likud MK Ariel Sharon has succeeded in bringing sworn rivals together is a tribute to . his admirable tenacity and limitless energy. His contention that the religious parties, too, can unite to form a single powerful bloc is a tribute to his eternal optimism and concern for the Knesset's future as an effective instrument of Israeli democracy.

Ultimately, the number of Zionist parties should be reduced to two. Today such a prospect may seem far-fetched. But the new system of direct election of prime minister, which forces the voter to decide between two rather than 20 candidates, may persuade the electorate that not every minor ideological difference justifies the formation of a political party.

Arafat's war on Hamas smail," said Ibrahim Ghosheh, YIGAL CARMON

espite 1995's major suicide mbings, which called for a war against Hamas, it was a lost year. Israel's government, exhibiting a mixture of naivete and fatal recklessness, was again duped by the PLO, by its theory that an understanding with Hamas is preferable to a struggle against it (as if an understanding were possible).

It supported the dialogue between Hamas and the PLO. enabled Hamas representatives to exit for Sudan through our border checkpoints (instead of arresting them), and even stopped the security services' anti-Hamas activity in a bid to help the PLO in its

negotiations. Of course, the inevitable happened. The PLO-Hamas dialogue culminated in an agreement formulated in a joint statement signed by both sides in Cairo on December 22. At the signing, after reading the statement to journalists, the heads of both delegations granted interviews to the Arabic

As a result of these negotiations, and the courting of Hamas, the organization has been strengthened. The PLO did not moderate it. On the contrary, it accepted and, as early as last October, initi-. ated the following principle: Hamas will halt operations only inside or emanating from the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority - or will at least not claim any kind of responsibility for such operations. In all other areas Hamas will be free to continue its activities.

This is typical Arafat. It's how he reacted to the Beit Lid bombing. Then he complained about the Islamic Jihad by saying. "Why did they do this? Did they have to give names and say they came from Following the latest attacks a

senior official in Arafat's office protested against Israel's countermeasures: "How can Israel allow itself to do this? The suicide bombers came from Al Fuwar-Hebron, not from PA territory...

Sclim Za'anoon, who heads the PLO delegation to the negotiations with Hamas (and who, as

acting chairman of the Palestine National Committee, should have been busy finding ways to repeal the Palestinian Covenant) repeatedly said at the signing of the PLO- Hamas agreement and later: "This should be understood by all. We are not the defenders of the Israeli entity [sic]. We see it as sufficient to obligate Hamas not to embarrass the PA, which is responsible for security in the areas it has received, and from which it will not allow actions." (Needless to say, Hamas didn't

The Palestinian Authority could have prevented the latest bombings, but it facilitated them

even fulfill this condition.) Added Za'anoon: "If Israel wants to spare itself Hamas attacks it had better hurry and withdraw from the rest of the territories." Za anoon stressed that. he had called Arafat to report on the agreement, and that Arafat had responded. "[May] Allah bless you, this is good, this is nice."

IT'S really very nice to see such a degree of PLO-Hamas understanding reached as to lead Hamas representative Khaled Mash'ai to say on the same occasion: "Hamas views its actions as support for the Palestinian negotiator Palestinian Authority." This, indeed, was the conclusion

of military intelligence head Maj .-Gen. Ya'acov Ya'alon: "Arafat wants to retain Hamas's infrastructure in order to pressure Israel during the negotiations for the final status."

Even the reportedly tougher Hamas leaders in Jordan showed surprising "moderation" vis-a-vis the PLO. "The gap between Hamas and PLO plans is not

but we do not want to clash with them, and we demand that they not clash with us. Let lue two plu grams march parallel to each other, and each achieve what it

In April 1994, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin repeatedly said, "Any PLO-Hamas agreement or understanding regarding the possibility of continued terrorism by Hamas with PLO approval would prevent the achievement of an agreement... Our red line is a simation in which the PLO knows Hamas is mounting operations."

Now it has been revealed that even as the horrendous bombings in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon were taking place, Gaza Strip Security Chief Mohammed Dahlan was having regular meet-ings with Mohammed Deif, the man in charge of operations by Hamas's Izzadin Kassam military wing and number one on Israel's list of wanted terrorists. These meetings took place even after the first bombing in Jerusalem.

Instead of arresting Deif, Dahlan had talks with him. The PLO could have aborted the attacks; it did not.

All this is proof - if proof were still necessary - that the Oslo agreements are a road to terrorism; not to peace. But the premier . and his associates cannot admit it, because it would mean political Little wonder that when Likud

MK Benny Begin confronted Shimon Peres about this in a meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Peres responded: "I don't know anything about an agreement between the PLO and Hamas, nor do I

Minister for Internal Security Moshe Shahal also denied the existence of any such agreement. Neither man responded to the shocking revelation that the PLO, far from preventing the latest terrorist hits, actually made them possible.

The writer is a former prime ministerial adviser on counter-ter-

Game of life

HARVEY MEIROVICH

f God has the right to be pessimistic, so do we after what we've gone through these laste

two weeks.

We need look no further than the depiction of God in the Bible to validate our current feelings of pessimism: "The devisings of man's mind are evil from his worth." (Conserve 8-21) and "Most youth" (Genesis 8:21) and "Most devious is the heart; it is perverse who can fathom it?" (Jeremiah

ln fact so distraught is the Almighty over man's penchant for evil that his prophet (Ezekiel 36:24-28) imagines God scrapping all expectation of man's potential to be educated. Instead, in robotic fashion, God will program humankind to act automatically in accordance with His will

Taking a page from God's biography certainly entitles us to feel low and disillusioned. Yet this is only a partial picture of our destiny, as understood by our

Despite the biblical Job's aching misery after his terrible afflictions, he chings to lite, uismissing the counsel of his wife, who begs him to relinquish his integrity, blaspheme God, and

Job knew his cause was right. He stayed in the game of life to validate his human integrity to himself, to his friends, and to his

We can do no less as a nation. In the almost half-century since its birth, Israel bas accomplished the mighty miracle of integrating almost half of world Jewry into its historic homeland, a manifest reflection of its integrity. In the years which are dawning we shall : tackle what many believe to be our next major challenge: building up the Jewish-identity quotient of the nation.

Having a "state for Jews" is insufficient. It would be complemented by our evolution as a fully equipped Jewish civiliza-. tion; a nation committed to the very best of liberal and pluralistic Jewish education, guided by the wedding of morality to power, and by the nurturing of human

The gnemies of peace, so. devoted to fanaticism and barbar-ity, would certainly derive much pleasure from our succumbing to . despair and abandoning the prophet's challenge to become "a kingdom of priests and a boly

AND YET, because we encounter . broken hearts and sit among mourners, we must temporarily put aside the philosopher's manand humble task. Tragedy within

We have the right to feel pessimistic. But our integrity and hope go hand in hand

the house of Israel beckons each of us to draw closer together and nurture more patience for one another. Ours is to dig deep and draw upon reservoirs of tolerance, Jew toward Jew.

Wisely, Judaism compares a person racked with pain to a prisoner wasting away in a locked . coll. He has no access to the key to free himself from his painful ordeal. That key belongs to sources outside of himself. Salvation can only come from the support and encouragement of caregivers ready to extend a help-

ing hand (Brachot 5b).

How poignant that in the wake of the most recent bus-bombing in Jerusalem, Jews of all religious and political persuasions lined up en masse to donate blood. The crisis brought them to shelve their differences in pursuit of the most noble of causes: giving the gift of

The compelling need to foster closeness is encapsulated in a hassidic tale about a depressed student who sought counsel from his rabbi. Illness and a business setback compounded the atu-

dent's feelings of abandonment. The conversation is set against the backdrop of a fireplace. The fire is about to die out. Only scattered embers remain. Suddenly the flames flare up anew.

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"Do you see," pointed out the rabbi, "what happened when gathered the embers close together? They came back to life. When the coals were separated, they generated little heat; but when they came close together they received warmth from each other and the fire was renewed.

"It's the same with people When we are alone and separated, our spirit is in danger of dying out. But when we stand close together we get warmth and comfort from one another, and hope ik renewed."

The writer is a Masorti rabbi. and historian.

Sir, - One wonders whether the high-powered International Conferbrothers! ence on Terror will penetrate to the searing core-issue exposed recently by an editor-in-chief of a prominent Jerusalem magazine in a single, shocking sentence. "The question is..." says he, "whether Arafat has the guts to do to Hamas what Ben-Gurion did to the Irgun when he gave the order m sink the Altalena in 1949."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

This is a painfully un-Jewish sentiment, a stark reversal of authentic Jewish values (if we still have the guts to equate ''Jewish'' decidedly with "Smaitic," against the on-slaught of more fashionable, but patently inauthentic, "universalist" definitions.) I count myself among the clear majority of Jews in Israel for whom the Altalena remains unforgivable, one of the darkest incidents in Jewish history. To brandish the murder of idealistic Jews by idealistic Jews as an example for others to follow, undermining the elemen-tary values of brotherly loyalty and solidarity, is the ultimate perversion

of "a light to the nations." If anything, then, for us the lesson to be learned from the ghastly memory of the Altalena is that we should

not expect the war against our terrorist enemies to be waged by their

It is neither right nor realistic to expect the Arab man-in-the-street to accept this expectation simply because "the world" has - however rightly, to our mind - branded terrorism illegitimate as a form of warfare and therefore criminal. If the world insists on pressing Arafat to wage our war against his bloodbrothers on the basis of a "progressive" moral logic, the fury of the Arab traditionalist masses will surely be but further, and dangerously,

exacerbated. There is only one moral imperative which can feasibly be employed by Arafat in battling terrorism with no holds barred: that of the fidelity demanded by a sovereign power in the common interest of his own people. But is Arafat sufficiently enthroned to deliver on that basis? Food for thought at the

RABBI SHMUEL JAKOBOVITZ,

Ura Kevodi, Association for Haredi Thinkers Jerusalem.

FRIEND OF ISRAEL

Sir, - When Israel is a victim, the world rallies round it to offer its support and condolences. When Israel fights back against its victimizers, that support is quickly transformed into pressure on Israel m back off and back down.

This week's international conference at Sharm e-Sheikh is a case in point. It was first billed as an antiterrorism conference, but before it even got underway, participants were already describing it as a fo-rum to show support for the peace process. By the time it convenes, its agenda will inevitably include criticism of Israel for taking anti-terrorism measures that are supposedly impeding the peace process, such as closure of the territories, expulsion

of Hamas members, and destruction of terrorists' houses.

The Israeli government's main reason for participating in organizing this show-conference is to prop up its faltering public support. This is understandable, although of doubtful efficacy. What is not un-derstandable is the US government's attempt in prop up the Peres government through its involvement. This is blatant interference in Israel'a internal politics in the midst of an election campaign, and is improper. Israelis expect the US to be a friend of Israel, not a friend of the

ELIYAHU SHIFFMAN

NEWSPEAK

Sir, - The impending international conference on terrorism indicates that Prime Minister Peres is intent on waging the war he declared on terror via yet another photo-op with world leaders, more empty rhetoric and a few more agreements not worth the paper they are printed on.
Inviting the likes of Arafat and Assad to such a conference is akin to

co-opting Charles Manson to the war on crime. The efficacy of the government's approach is testified to by the 200 graves and many hundreds of injured that have accumulated since

Peres's other "tough" announcement that further implementation of Oslo has been suspended until the arch-terrorist Arafat cracks down on Hamas is a classic example of Kafkaesque absurdity. Several of those arrested for previous marders by Arafat, tried, sentenced and re-leased. When enough murderers are arrested, Peres will surely declare a resumption of the process. Then the bloody cycle will begin again with the wholesale release of prisoners including those just arrested!

Apparently, Mr. Peres has once again used George Orwell's New-speak to define his terms: First it was "peace process"; now it is "all-out war on terror."

YISRAEL WOOLF Ma'aleh Adumim.

WHIZ KID

Sir, - Your article of February 12 about the Technion accepting the math genius prompts this letter. I am convinced, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the school and the father are in serious error in exposing this lad to classmates who are at least four years older, emotionally, if not intellectually. This youngster belongs in high school.

EDWARD R. ROBBINS Beverly Hills, California.

SHLOMO AVINERI

Unwitting aid to the enemy

"Terrorists' aim is not only to kill and maim. They also aim to terrorize. Their intended target is not only those they kill and wound, but also society's resilience. This puts the media in a democratic society in a dilemma.

On the one hand they have to report accurately, openly, immediately and reliably, without censorship. The enormities of the havoc caused by an attack should not be diminished, nor the suffering,

pain, and anger denied. But how to describe the agony of the wounded and the anguish of family members without unwittingly becoming an accomplice of the terrorists?

It is a delicate line to tread, and Israel's media, especially TV, have tripped up repeatedly over the past two horrible weeks. In their eagerness to cover it all, in real time, they have unwittingly played into the hands of the terrorists.

Examples abound. When a major newspaper leads its coverage with a blood-red banner headline proclaiming "A country in fear," it isn't informing, it is creating a mood. When it turns its entire news section over to gory pictures
– most already seen on TV the previous day - it is not telling us any-

thing we do not already know.

TV's dilemma is even more acute. Like radio, when terror strikes it automatically switches to live, virtually 24-hour coverage, turning a single act of horrendous terrorism into an ongoing drama.

TV is also professionally unable to live up to its promise. The aftermath of an attack is like a battle

situation. With reliable informa-

tion in short supply, every bit of

hearsay from shocked passersby is

immediately broadcast as fact. As

said on a talk show last Saturday: "What can we do? When you broadcast live, you lose control of what you're showing." Nothing could better encapsulate TV's

One answer may be to abandon non-stop live coverage and revert to a more controlled mode which would still give immediate news, but avoid spreading what amounts to panic and false information. Nor do hospital scenes convey hard news, though stricken rela-tives make good "human" stories.

How Hamas must love the media's magnified coverage of terror attacks

And doctors, who should be operating or resting, are asked repeat-edly for "real-time" reports on attack victims when hourly bulletins would be more helpful.

By showing the anguished face of an injured person or a shocked relative again and again because there is no other footage to show, TV multiplies reality, which is already shocking enough.

How Hamas must delight in it.

Crowd response is equally distorting. The TV cameras will obviously pick up on any cursing or haranguing bystander. Cooler heads, who are the majority, will not be heard. They lack the necessary "color."

CONTINUOUS radio and TV coverage also distorts the perception of government reaction. Foreign Ministry. the news editor of TV's Channel 1

Reporting "The cabinet is still in session" every five minutes isn't a news item; it only creates expectation. And when the meeting ends, only junior ministers have the time to answer questions, and their answers will anyway be irrelevant. No responsible minister would detail what the government has really decided. If he did, it would be treason.

As for the question of public morale, when TV interviewers ask people under the impact of an attack, "Will you ride a bus again?" it is clear what answer they are eliciting. This is precisely the question that shouldn't be asked, just as after a terrible road accident one doesn't ask a victim, "Wili you get in a car again?"

The restraint and judgment required of the media should be even more of a guideline for public TV. TV news isn't entertainment or a vehicle for voyeurism. In a war situation, it is also a

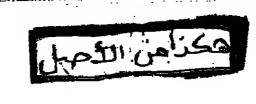
When Winston Churchill was promising the British people blood, sweat and tears," imagine the impact had TV (which didn't exist then) gone around asking people "How do you feel during night air-raids," "Do you fear a German invasion?" or "Do your children sleep at night?" Most assuredly it would not have been Britain's finest bour.

The media claim only to mirror reality. But while some mirrors reflect what is "out there," others patently distort. Still others magnify or multiply what they reflect. Our media should consider which kind of mirror they purport to be.

The writer, professor of political science at the Hebrew University, was director-general of the



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Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is

Quebec: Agenda moves from secession to partition

TIS province rattled by bate campaigns and talk of par-tition, Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard is doing something unheard of for a separatist leader: speaking directly to Quebec's worried English-speaking minority.

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He invited 400 prominent anglopbones to a Montreal theater Monday night to launch "a new dialogue" with an influential but outnumbered community that is overwhelmingly opposed to his goal of independence for the mostly " French-speaking province. This overtitle no his foes was seed as a signal that Bouchard wants to launch a cooperative campaign to solve social and economic problems.

been a nationwide debate - evenamong federal cabinet ministers over the possible partition of Quebec in the event that it votes for independence. Partition advocates have plunged into detailed discussion of how anti-separatist regions of the province, including Montreal itself, might remain part of Canada in the event of Ouebec's secession. Furthermore. the Indians and Inuit, most formidably, wish to take two-thirds of the province's territory with

Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chresien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is Ouebec. He was effectively taking sides with voters in certain parts of the province who might wish to remain Canadian citizens.

In a recent speech to the House of Commons, he spoke eloquently of "renewing" and "moderniz-ing" a "flexible" Canadian federal system. Chretien, who is unpopular in his native Quehec, advocated more power for the

provinces, referring repeatedly to 'partnership" and the "Canadian economic union" - terms lifted from the language of the separatists' referendum proposals last October,

And Canada's two-year-old Liberal government has been grappling with the idea of a national referendum on Quebec's future. In its official mission statement for the second balf of its electoral mandate, the government warned that "as long as the prospect of another Quebec referendum exists, the government. will exercise its responsibility to ensure that ... Canadians, no matter where they live, will have a say in the future of their coun-

THE prospect of partition, with its Balkan overtones, is anathema most French-speaking Quebecers, and even to many on Chretien's side of the debate who think it foolish and ultimately untenable.

"If partition happens, there would be a risk of violence more than in any other situation," said Rejean Pelletier, a Laval University political scientist. "It could sow the seeds of civil war."

Coinciding with the partition dehate was an upsurge of political vandalism and anonymous threats, mostly targeting federalists. A brick was thrown through a window at the home of a prominent Montreal federalist, and a group claiming links with a 1960s-era terrorist campaign sent threatening letters to seven companies which opposed separatism in October's secession referen-

Authorities, taking the threats seriously, set up a special investigative unit made up of provincial. Montreal and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police offi-

Due mostly to Bouchard's charismatic campaigning, the separatists almost won the October referendum, receiving 49.4 percent of the votes. Another referendum is expected within two years. Recent polls show the separatists would win if a vote were held now.

Anglophones, who number about 800,000 out of Quebec's 7.3 million people, are pleased Bonchard is thinking about them. But there is skepticism as to whether be will address their demands regarding civil-service job opportunities and restrictive language laws.

ers urged Bouchard to reform a controversial education law so immigrants from Englisb-speaking countries can send their children to English schools. "A demoralized hut determined English-speaking community will be listening very closely," the group said in a statement.

On Monday, Bouchard is set to launch another important initiative, convening a three-day economic summit of husiness, labor and political leaders to discuss how to tackle Quebec's budget deficit while lowering its 11.3 percent johless rate. Prominent corporate executives who campaigned against separatism last year are among the 54 invitees.

There is widespread curiosity in Quebec about how Bouchard can fulfill his promises to slash spending without antagonizing labor unions and left-wing separatists who traditionally have formed the hackhone of the independence movement.

(AP. The Washington Post)

Moslem dialogue in LA

THE same spirit that brought Israeli and Arab leaders logether at today's anti-terrorist summit meeting at Sharm e-Sheikh was widely reflected in Los

Angeles last week While the city's Jewish and Moslem leaders hailed their unprecedented unity in condemning the spate of suicide bombings in Israel, both sides expressed some frustration at the "cultural misunderstandings" that marked their dia-

Jews and Moslems came together at three separate events last

Israel's Minister-without-Portfolio Rabbi Yehuda Amital joined three leaders of the local Moslem community in a private, hour-long discussion at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance. Afterwards Amital, a leading

moderate Orthodox voice, expressed fears that the peace process, which he has supported from the beginning, will break down if the suicide bombings continue. We hope for a common statement

by senior Moslem leaders against religious terrorism," he said. Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the

Wiesenthal Center, was more specific: "Moslem leaders must declare in clear terms that terrorists are not 'martyrs' who will be rewarded by banquets in heaven ... They must say that terrorist acts desecrate the canons of all monotheistic reli-

Dr. Maher Hathout, head of the Islamic Center of Southern California, was not drawn into such a categorical denunciation, but he emphasized that "civilians should never be exposed to injury. It is very frightening if such acts are committed in the name of religion." Hathout expressed some imitation

that neither the media nor the Jewish community were paying attention to his or other local Moslem voices. For the last 20 years, we have denounced exposing civilians to ter-ror, but others have not been listening," he said.
Dr. Aslam Abdullah, editor of The

Minarel magazine, struck a wel-"We also cry when we see an Israeli

Israeli Consul-General Yoram Ben-Ze'ev hailed the dialogue but

TOM TUGEND

Cultural gaps rack Jewish-

noted that "We still have to struggle over cultural misunderstandings" between Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Moslems.

RABBI Jerrold Goldstein, director of the Hillel Center at the California State University, Northridge, spelled out both commonalities and differences with his Moslem colleagues, following an interfaith memorial service on his campus.

The service was initiated by Ahmed El-Gabalawy, director of the campus Moslem center, and brought together some 75 Moslem, Jewish and Christian students. Among them were 25 students in an Introduction to Islam class. El-Gabalawy cited the Koran, saying, "Whoever kills a soul for no reason, it is as if he had

killed all of humanity,"
Goldstein said later that he was
disappointed that his Moslem colleague would not make a "flat-out condemnation" of terrorism, "There seems to be something in the Arab culture that keeps them from such a condemnation of fellow Moslems," he said. This failure may puzzle or annoy Jews, "but we have to accept

Moslems on their own cultural grounds and mode of expression,'

At the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), more than 200 students took part in a silent memorial march across campus, with some holding up signs inscribed with the names and ages

bombings. The event, organized by the Jewish Student Union and the Hillel Foundation, included the participation of members of the Moslem Students Association.

As a follow-up to the Wiesenthal Center dialogue, its leaders hope to organize a future roundtable with the participation of Moslem and Jewish leaders from many countries, said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

In a similar vein, Hathout and his Moslem colleagues asked in a writ-ten statement that The White House, State Department and leaders of Congress should facilitate and sponsor forums comprising Moslems and Jews ... to determine constructive measures to stop the cycle of violence in the Middle East

Keeping tots happy with an infant at home

RUTH MASON

THAT are some creative ways to keep my fiveyear-old occupied while take care of our five-month-

Efrat Tenenbaum, Adlerian parenting group leader, says:

The underlying assumption of the Adlerian approach is that all children need a sense of belonging. When a haby is born, an older child's feeling of belonging changes completely. You can't add an apple to a full basket without all the apples having to move.

It's important for parents to understand that the hirth of a new child may be the hest thing that can happen to an older child, It's very important that you as parents do not feel guilty for bringing another child into the family.

The message you give the older child shouldn't be that he or she is entitled to compensation. When there is a large age gap between the first and second child, parents usually tend to defend the older child to identify with his or ber Instead, you might consider that

bility of a connection that is one of the strongest connections we know of - brother- or sisterhood. if parents understand this,



they'll also understand that the expectation that an older child's time will always be creative, pleasant and easy is unrealistic.

Many parents try to spend an hour or so a week just with the have this little corner together, older child. It's wonderful to do that, but for a five-year-old, 15 minutes alone with you daily would be even better. Let him

choose the activity, even if be only wants to watch television with you.

Don't let the phone or other things interrupt you. When you you can postpone some of the many demands that come up at

right now, but we can play this evening during our special time." Start with what's realistic and don't allow yourself to become frustrated. If 15 minutes a day seems impossible, start with what is possible. This way, your child knows he can count on at least some time with you alone.

Also keep in mind that our job as parents is not to be entertainment providers for our children. We need to give them the feeling that they can entertain themselves without our belp, that we count on them to be able to play by themselves.

It's also important for a child's sense of belonging to know that be is useful and contributes to the family. And I don't mean just by bringing the baby ber bottle or finding the pacifier.

Catcb him doing useful things and comment on them. You might say, "When you play in your room and I can drink my coffee in peace after a long, hard day, it really helps me." Or, "That joke you fold made me laugh and put me in a good mood."

If you ask him to do something, expect that be may say no. If be says yes, praise him, tell him bow much it helps, bow nice it is to becoming independent.

If you have a question about other times. You might say, "I parenting, write to: Parenting, can't play Candy Land with you POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Peanuts, Garfield, Beetle Bailey enshrined in new Florida comics museum

THE new International Museum of Cartoon Art was dedicated recently with the ultimate aim of winning recognition as fine art for Garfield, Beetle Bailey and thousands of cartoon cronies.

The \$15-million project enshrines some of the world's best-known cartoon characters and artists, spanning more than 200 years, under the roof of a sparkling new Mediterranean-style building in this upscale coastal community.

Brainchild of Mort Walker, creator of the venerable Beetle Bailey comic strip, the museum is intended to elevate the status of cartooning in the

public eye.
"You know, Picasso is really a cartoonist," said Walker. "His stuff is funny. He exaggerates the human form. It's cartoon really. Yet they collect

Picasso in museums and they don't collect car-toons," he said.

While other cartoon museums exist, the new Boca Raton facility claims to house the largest and most varied collection anywhere, with some 160,000 original works, 1,300 square meters of display space and more than 1,000 artists from 50

Decorating its walls are original sketches of many beloved American artists -- Walt Disney, Garry Trudeau, Jim Davis, Charles Schulz - and their creations - Mickey Mouse, Doonesbury. Garfield, Peanuts and others.

It also has gathered work by some of the world's best-known cartoonists and editorial artists, including Martyn Turner of Ireland, Peter Shrank of England, Rainer Hackfeld of Germany

and Monstafa Hussein of Egypt. On prominent display under the banner "Ze'ev - Eyewitness with a Smile" are the works of Israeli editorial cartoonist Ya'acov "Ze'ev" Farkas.

"I think cartoons are at a stage right now as a fine art where photographs were 50 years ago," said curator Gary Hood. "Fifty years ago photographs were considered a craft."

Hood said the museum's most valuable works are six pencil-drawn storyboards called 'Plane Crazy," which were intended to be the first animated cartoon starring Minnie and Mickey Mouse. The drawings, hy Disney artist Ub Iwerks, were started prior to the creation of Steamboat Willie, Disney's first Mickey Mouse animation, hut were set aside when Willie went into pro-

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sale of new flats falls 4%

SALES of new apartments by the private sector declined in the fourth quarter by four percent in 24 urban centers in comparisoo with the previous quarter, which saw a 7% decline in those sales, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

During the last three months of 1995, 4,400 new apartments were sold

in those regions, compared with 4,560 in the previous quarter. However, the oumber of apartmeots sold over that period was 5% higher than the

As demand declined supply, also decreased, but at a more moderate pace. This resulted io a slight growth of unsold apartments, which totaled 6,210 in the surveyed areas, comprising most of the real estate market. Apartments with up to three rooms, and those with six or more, were the least in demand last quarter, while flats of four to five rooms

Of the 6,210 apartments which were not sold as of December 31, 1995, four in five were in the preliminary stages of construction, while nearly one in two of those unsold consisted of five or more rooms.

Insurance agents: We won't pay for fighting car thefts

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

will be asked to finance other

NIS 2-4m. to subsidize 23 police-

men for the anti-car theft plan," he

said. "But, tomorrow if there is a

growth in house or office thefts,

they will also be expected to foot

the bill of additional police to

Commeeting oo the govern-

meet's oew pension plan, Pasternak warned the government

of another crisis in the pension

field. He said the association is

against the pensioo arrangements,

which they said the government

Next week the association will

hold its annual Bituchim confer-

ence, which will take place in

Jerusalem under the slogan "In

another 3000 years, also in

Jerusalem."
Pasternak said the conference

will focus on increasing the pub-

lic's awareness of the importance

of the insurance sector in the

social security field, primarily life

Last year 306,000 insurance

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE would not cut their own out-

put if ongoing talks between Iraq and the United Nations result in

the appearance of oil exports from

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hit by sanctions after it invaded

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will not be able to finance.

Today, insurance firms have

plans in the future.

solve this problem."

THE Association of Insurance Agents plans to campaign against the cabinet's proposal that insurance holders foot the bill for the government's anti-car theft plan, association chairman Shaul Pasternak announced at a press conference yesterday.

Earlier this week the cabinet announced that insurance companies will pay the multimillion bill for implementing the police anti-car theft plan. According to the agents, imposing this cost on their companies will ultimately mean that car owners will end up paying higher insurance premiums.

At first 1 thought it was a joke when I heard car owners will finance part of the national project," Pasternak said. "The idea is a dream which will never be enforced. We will fight against it.
It is the government's responsibility to finance the plan and not car
owners. The government's budget should be sufficient to fight car thefts. If it isn't, it should be increased."

Pasternak said that if private insurance companies agree to pay for the anti-car theft plan, they

LONDON (Reuter) - Influential

Mideast oil producers, including

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Arabia, warned fellow OPEC

members to curb rampant output now or face a big oil price fall

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'Discount's warrants might not be exercised'

THERE is a real risk that Israel Discount Bank's warrants will oot be exercised, according to the Central Securities Corp. economic department's analysis of the warrants. The warrants closed at .407 points on their first day of trading yesterday.

The government issued Discount's shares and warrants last week as part of its privatization program.

According to analyst Oreo Meytes, who conducted the economic report, the government overestimated the warrants' economic value io Bank Discount's prospectus. Based on the minimum share price, each warrant gives buyers the option to purchase 10 shares at NIS 3.32.

The economists said the government's calculations ignore the fact that Discount usually distributes divideods. Meytes emphasized that distribution of divideods reduces the shares' rate for techni**GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

cal reasons and lowers the warrants' value. "The divideods are distributed twice a year, and each time the share rate is expected to fall 50 points, making it less likely that the warrants will be exercised."

said Meytes.

Meytes also said the prospectus calculates Discount's shares according to a relatively high fluctuation of 3.3%, based on the commercial and holding banks' sub-divisioo.

Meytes pointed out that this sub-division includes small banks like Maritime Bank, Trade Bank and Industrial Development

He said Discount's actual fluctuatioo is expected to be lower. similar to the average fluctuation of Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi and First International Bank,

warrants, 3,320 points, is linked to the index and expected to climb to about 4,000 points on the redemption date in two year's time,"

Meytes said.

That is, warrant holders will lose money if the share rate is 4000, maintain their nominal rate at 4407, and make a profit only if the share rate elimbs above 4,660."

According to the Central Securities Corp. calculations, there is a big risk that not all the warrants will be exercised into shares, reducing the government's profits from the sale of Discount and reducing the chances of privatizing another chunk of the bank.
The company said MI Holdings,

the state-owned company in charge of the banks' sale, should have issued the warrants at a lower payup cost io order to eocourage investors to purchase

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wednesday, March 13, 1996

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul yesterday criticized Finan Minister Avraham Shohat's decision not to exempt the telecommit nications company from the law requiring it to issue public tenders Kaul explained that structural changes in the telecommunications sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recents; sector, as well as the recent face competition in recent Bezeq's competitors are shackled by the public-tender requirement.

The Knesset was expected to approve an amendment to the Free Export Processing Zone Law late last night, enabling the project to finally get under way after more than a year of delays. The amendment will reduce the power of the franchisee chosen to administer the zone, by replacing the franchisee's representatives on the zone's governing council with business sector representatives of the chosen by a public commission.

It also enables investors who already own businesses in Israel to establish businesses in the zone as well, as long as the zone compaoy operates in a different field.

M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers yesterday announced it has amicably terminated its distribution license with Maxtor Corporation. M-Systems will now distribute its products directly. Maxtor hasdecided to concentrate on its core business and transferred relevant:

customer lists and backlog to M-Systems.

The agreement, originally entered into in June 1994 and amended in January 1995, granted Maxtor certain distribution rights primarily to M-Systems PCMCIA-compatible flash cards. M-Systems president Dov Moran said he hoped direct distribution "will allow to increase our margin." He added the company of the added the company of t us to improve service and increase our margin." He added the company did not anticipate a decrease in sales. Rachel Neuman

Bill forcing banks to reduce holdings passes first reading

EVELYN GORDON

BANKS will have to reduce their holdings in oon-bank companies, according to a bill approved by the Knesset in first reading late Monday night.

The hill, based on the Brodet Committee recommendations, passed 6-0, with the support of the coalition and the NRP.

The bill will now be sect on to the Knesset Finance Committee. However, it seems unlikely that it will be ready for a final reading before the Knesset recesses next

The bill states that banks will be allowed to ewa no more than 20% of any oon-bank company in four years' time.

The limit is scheduled to go down to 18% in five years and 16% in six years. It also states that banks will be

allowed to invest oo more than 25% of their capital in non-bank companies.

The bill also states that banks will be allowed to control no more than one major oon-banking conglomerate.

This means that Bank Hapoalim would have to sell its shares in either Clal or Koor.

Banks will also oo longer be allowed to hold minority stakes in other banks.

Finally, the bill states that banks will not be able to appoint the chairman, managing director or chief financial officer of non-bank institutions in which they own stock, and that a majority of the members of mutual funds' investment committees must be representatives of the public rather than of the banks.

Elbit suffers drop in net profits

ELBIT announced yesterday a 38.8 percent drop in annual net profits to \$18.35 million from \$30m. in 1994.

Earnings per share fell to \$0.86 from \$1.57, while consolidated revenues rose to \$938m. from \$758m.

Elbit, the country's sixth largest industrial company, develops and manufactures electronie systems primarily for the defense industry but also for the medical, commercial and communication sectors.

Fourth quarter oet profits increased 48% to \$4m, from \$2.69m. Quarterly revenues went up to \$260.47m. from \$248.8m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.19 from \$0.13.

Annual net profits were impacted by losses in the company's television manufacturing opera-

investments Elbit New Ultrasound reached operational profit in the fourth quarter and Fibronics (acquired from Elron in late 1994) approached the break-even point during the same peri-

Subsidiary Elscint achieved substantial growth last year and recently announced a reverse stock split on a one-for-five basis. The recoveries were attributed

to Elbit's reorganization measures and to seasonal fourth quarter According to Elbit's redivision, consolidated revenues consisted

of \$539m. (56%) in healthcare, \$297m. (30%) in defense and \$132m. (14%) in communications and commercial businesses. Elron Electronics Industries, the Haifa based multinational

holding company, reported a 63 percent rise in annual net profits to \$10.3 million from \$6.3m. in Annual revenues went up to

\$1.2m. from \$1m., while earnings per share rose to \$0.51 from Revenues on subsidiaries went up to \$4.7m. from \$2.8m. Elron

registered a \$5.2m. loss oo the sale of subsidiary Fibronics in Fourth quarter net profits went

up to \$3.1m. from \$1.1m., while earnings per share rose to \$0.15

Elron's part in subsidiary Elbit's net profits was \$6.8m., compared with \$13m. in 1994. Elron owns 40% of Elbit capital share. The drop was due to losses experienced by Elbit's television divi-

Elron's part in losses suffered by other subsidiaries was \$2.1m. from \$5m. in 1994 (including \$2.9m. on the Fibronics sale).

Revenues as a result of changes in holdings increased to \$3.8m. from \$1.3m., and were primarily affected by \$3.3m. raised by Zoran Communications IPO on NASDAQ.

Elron also gained \$700,000 oo an options realization in Chip

Élron's board of directors yesterday announced a quarterly dividend of \$0.06 per share. Total dividends for 1995 were \$0.18 per Super-Sol completed the fourth

Jerusalem District Electricity Co. Ltd. Tender No. 10/96

Indoor Distribution Transformers Bids are invited for the supply of indoor distribution A copy of the specification and conditions of tender

can be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of Directors, 15 Salah el-Din Street, East Jerusalem, Tel. 282355/6/7, until March21, 1996. Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEMAN and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

quarter with a 27.3 percent growth in net profits to NIS 27.6 million from NIS 21.6m. in the corresponding period last year.

Annual net profits increased 50% to NIS 83.8m.

Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 9.61% from 6.88% in 1994.

The improved earnings are due to a 19.2% growth in annual sales turnover to NIS 2.64b. Sales turnover in the fourth

quarter rose 16% to NIS 694m. Annual operating profits increased 21.2% to NIS 128.5m. from NIS 106m.

The company's performance was partly hindered by its subsidiaries. Super-Office reported a net loss of NIS 10.5m., compared with a net profit of NIS 5.4m. Management said the company has taken measures intended to increase sales, efficiency, management and operations this year.

Other loss-making subsidiaries incloded Super-Kozert, Super Sol's Hungarian supermarket chain. It reported a net loss of NIS 517,000, mainly due to losses in the first half of the year. In the second half, net profits reached

NIS 900,000. Super Sol Kne Uvne, a chain of do-it-yourself hardware stores, reported a drop in net profit to NIS 2.3m. from NIS 2.7m. in 1994. The results include fourth quarter losses of NIS 900m. as a result of losses in the chains Acc

Clai Trade, a subsidiary of Clai Israel, reported a 286% growth in net profits last year to NIS 21.64m. from NIS 5.64m. in

The rise in earnings was mainly due to higher profits from the service companies, as well as an improvement in its trade and marketing companies, computers, and

advertising.
The results were hindered by the retail group. In the reported peri-od, Clal Retail Chains, a subsidiary of Clal Trade; lost NIS 12.99m., compared with losses of NIS 15.75m. in 1994.

Bank Leumi le-Israel (Switzerland), a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, reported a 9% rise in annual net profits to SFr 43m.

Net return on equity reached 17.6%. Leumi Switzerland is engaged mainly in private bank-ing for international customers through its two branches in Zurich and Geneva.

At the end of 1995, the bank had SFr 633m. in assets, compared with SFr 754m., not including deposits in trust and securities portfolios held in trust for bank customers. Shareholders equity reached SFr 226.6m.

The board of directors recommended the bank pay a cash divi-

dend of 30% of its paid capital.

First International Bank
Switzerland (Fibi Switzerland), a subsidiary of First International Bank, ended the year with a 12% rise in net profit to SFr 1.2m. from SFr 1.1m. in 1994.

Net return on equity increased to 4.9% from 4.6%.

Fibi Switzerland provides private and commercial banking. The bank said its improved performance since 1991 stands out in light of the economic slowdown in Switzerland.

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Profit from financing operations after provisions for doubtful debts fell 10.3% to SFr 2.6m. from SFr 2.9m. in 1994. The bank blamed the decline on the continued weakness of the dollar and the fall in the interest rate of the Swiss

First International Bank UK (Fibi UK), First International Bank's Swiss-based subsidiary, completed the year with a 41.2% growth in net profits to £2m. from

Net return on equity increased to 9.6% from 7.3%.

Mul-T-Lock suffered an 11% decrease in annual net profits to NIS 10.6m. from NIS 11.95m. in 1994.

The company said profits were continuing to be eroded by the gap between the dollar exchange rate and CPL

Rapac Electronics reported an increase in annual net profits to NIS 8.1m. from NIS 6m. in 1994. Revenues rose to NIS 94.9m. from NIS 86m., while earnings

per share went up to NIS 1.50 from NIS 1.11. Macpell returned to profitabili-ty in 1995, with NIS 801,000 in annual net profits, compared with net losses of NIS 17.2m. in 1994.

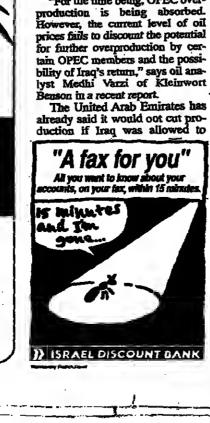
Annual revenues went up to NIS 273.68m. from NIS 182.15m.

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bers of the Organization of resume limited oil exports, and Kuwait is also unlikely to trim Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) abided by quotas world oil markets would "easily" absorb output to allow its Gulf War foe to return to the market, sources say, Iraqi oil without a price drop.
Gulf sources said they did oot Venezuelan Oil Minister Erwin Arrieta always dismisses elaims see why Saudi Arabia and other that his country is overshooting OPEC members who had consisits OPEC limit, but Venezuelan tently abided by quotas should make sacrifices and allow some industry sources admit the country is at least 400,000 bpd over its 2.359 million bpd quota.

"[Venezuela] is hurting [itself] if they continue to cheat," one Gulf source said. They are not thinking about the opportunities This source and other OPEC and non-OPEC oil officials say

OPEC overproduction is killing

any chance that major oil produc-

ers outside OPEC like Norway

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However, this source and oth-

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the one in 1986, which pushed oil

have some type of control," one Gulf source said. "It is in the

interest of all major producers

with high reserves to have a bal-

Makhloufi is to visit OPEC mem-

ber countries soon to urge some of

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sibility that at least 600.000-

750,000 bpd of Iraqi oil could hit the market in coming months.

Although cold weather has

them to respect their quotas.

OPEC President Ammar

"In the oil market, you have to

Gulf source said.

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anced market."

"It will be very hard to make

members, namely Venezuela, to produce at will. "It is impossible for others to cut when Venezuela and some others are totally ignoring quo-tas," a Gulf source said. "If the

price falls when Iraq comes back, Venezuela will be responsible." Oil analysts say that though world oil demand is expected to rise sharply this year, it is doubtful it can absorb lraq's return and the current high OPEC overproduction without a drop in prices, especially if it coincides with the second and third quarters - when

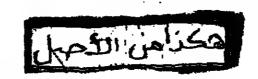
demand is seasonally weaker. OPEC has not changed its 24.52 million barrel per day (bpd) ceiling since 1993, but chronic overproduction has pushed the collective total to the highest level

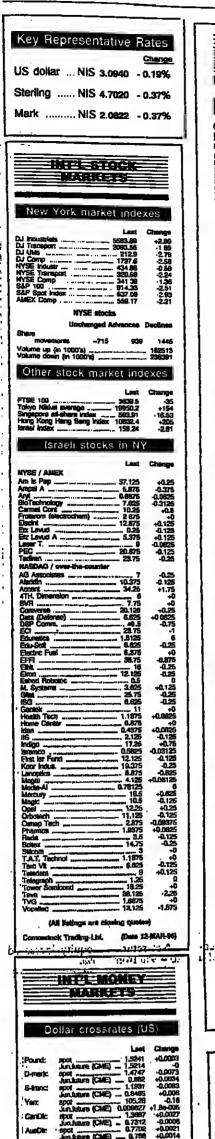
since 1980. According to a survey of industry officials and analysts, OPEC produced 26 millioo bpd in February, with cash-strapped Venezuela and Nigeria the

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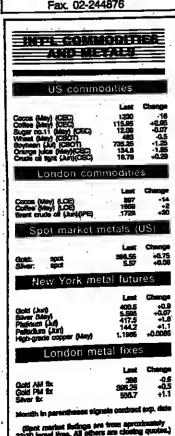
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Discount leads gains on market

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Two-Sided Index

STOCK indexes rose yesterday, following gains on Monday by US stocks, as local companies reported rising fourth-quarter profits.

Gains were led by Israel Discount Bank, which went up 0.75 percent in its first day of trading. Discount was the most active share oo the exchaoge with NIS 7.5 million worth of shares changing hands.

The Maof Index rose 1.15% to 214.85 and the Two-Sided Index went up 1.27% to 204.94.

Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, nearly three times as many shares rose as fell.

More than NIS 83 millioo worth of shares traded.

"The whole world was waiting for America," said Dan Alt, a broker with Tel Aviv investment firm Nesuah Trading. "It had a tremeodous iofluence, hut it wasn't the only positive factor in

Alt pointed to the success of the government's sale of 14.4% of Bank Discount as "adding to" share prices across the board.

Maof index

The shares in the country's third-largest bank in terms of asacts, which were priced at NIS 3.2 each, were oversubscribed three times and warrants, priced at NIS 3.7, were oversubscribed six times. The sale was the first government sale of a state-owoed hank oo the exchange in more than two years.

Gaioiog Maof Index-listed compaoies iocloded Super-Sol, which rose 4.5%. The company reported fortb-quarter net income rose 28% to NIS 27.3m.

Another company reporting gains along with the rise in the nation's standard of living was Electra Consumer Products, listed on the Mishtanim Index, which rose 5%.

FTSE slumps after weak start on Wall St.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - The FTSE Index ended lower for the fifth consecutive session as a weak start on Wall Street, easier bonds and an annual week-long major horse racing event at Chelteoham, kept buyers at bay.

The FTSE 100 index closed 35.0 points down at 3,639.5.

TOKYO - Tokyo shares ended firm but off their highs following a strong overnight recovery on Wall Street.

Dow falls 90, then closes up WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Stock prices closed with a slight gain in a roller-coaster session that saw the Dow index recover from a

loss of more than 90 points. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

5,583.89, according to early and unofficial estimates, but declines overtook advances by a 14-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume was a strong 457 milage closed up 2.89 points at lion shares.

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HAMAS

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discuss security arrangements, code-named "Operation Song 4," for the Clinton visit. An officer with the General Security Service VIP Security Department participated in the meeting.

"The visit comes after several very serious attacks ... and we are doing our utmost to ensure that it passes quietly," Hefetz said. He appealed to those planning demonstrations during the visit not to do so, to avoid further straining police manpower. Some 10,000 policemen, nearly

half the natioo's police force, will be involved in securing the Clinton visit, police spokesman Adi Goneo said.

EGYPT

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between cabinet level officials. Another mechanisms considered likely is regular workinglevel contacts between Israeli and Arab security officials, sioce cabinet level meetings could take on

a political flavor. Baz said it is "high time for concrete steps and measures" to be taken to "enhance security against terror" and for peace. He

refused to delve into specifics.

The Egyptians would also like an explicit call to end the closure of the territories, hut US and Israeli officials are dubious this would be accepted. There have been indications that the closure will be eased.

The conference is scheduled to last approximately five hours, with speeches, lunch, a group photo of all the leaders, and a press statement. Peres has sig-naled his willingness to meet with all the Arab leaders in attendance. Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal was reportedly

resisting such a meeting.

Clearly Arafat's speech will have particular interest to Israeli officials. There was concern in Jerusalem that, instead of delivering an unmistakable message against terror, he may reassert his charge of a right-wing Israeli cabal involved in an unholy conspiracy with Hamas. Such asser-tions infuriate Israelis.

Arafat met Mubarak last night, and there was speculation that Mubarak would urge him to take a tone consistent with his condemnations of terrorism.

Mubarak said yesterday that some of Israel's measures following the wave of suicide bomb attacks would increase hatred, rather than further peace. "Some of the measures which have been taken by the Israelis will not help the peace process, will not help to stop the activities of such extrem-ists," AP quoted him as saying.

Mubarak said such measures only "increase the rate of hatred" against both the Israelis and those

who support the peace process with them.

Syria, explaining for the first time why it is not attending the summit, described the conference as a device to legitimize Israel's occupation of Arab territories.

CLINTON

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there, he will visit the grave of Yitzhak Rabin on Mt. Herzl.

Afterwards, the US president will go to Tel Aviv and address 1,200 students at the Opera House's performing arts center, the White House said. Clinton wants to address Israeli youth, which is why this audience was chosen for his only speech.

The overnight visit to Israel is meant to illustrate that the US will "stand with the people [of Israel] in their time of grief," Clinton said on the White House lawn before heading to Andrews

Air Force Base.

"I will also bring a message:
That in this time of difficulty and in the battle against terror and the struggle for peace, Israel is not

Canadiens win last game in Forum

MONTREAL (Reuter) - The storied Montreal Forum closed in victory Monday as the Canadiens defeated the Dallas Stars 4-1 behind a goal and two assists from Andrei Kovalenko and 21 saves by Jocelyn Thibault.

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The Forum, home to the Canadiens since 1926, will be replaced by the new Molson Center heginning Saturday against the New York Rangers. The Habs won a record 24 Stanley Cups during their tenure at The

"I scored the last goal in the last game in the Forum," Kovalenko said. "Before the game, our coach told us we had to

today's semifinal.

CALCUTTA (Reuter) - Sri Lanka has its sights set

on collective fame rather than fortune as it attempts

to complete one of world cricket's most remarkable

It is only 15 years since Sri Lanka was granted full

Test status and it is recognidon, not rupees, which

will motivate them when they walk out to face India

in the seething atmosphere of Eden Gardens in

Australia, will be played tomorrow in Mohali, India.

er Duleep Mendis say their men are not concerned

with the win bonuses or material rewards which were

anything," said Ranatunga, who has been a part of Sri

ball-tampering and throwing rows in Australia as

well as the Colombo bomb blast on January 31 which

killed more than 80 people and injured 1,200, have

Kaluwitharana with Sanath Jayasuriya at the top of

the order to give the team a flying start in the first 15

overs is credited to Mendis, hut new coach Dav

Whatmore is recognized as the other man behind Sri

Melbourne, playing seven Tests for Australia during

the Packer era, but has returned to the country of his

birth to inject some Aussie hite into a talented group

The main requirement will be cool heads to with-

stand a crowd of anywhere between 90,000 and

100,000, depending who is doing the counting.
"In one way it's a minus, but India will also be a

little under pressure," smiled Ranatunga. "Our boys

Meanwhile, for the Indians, there is one cast-iroo

certainty. Sachin Tendulkar doesn't always score

have played in front of large crowds before."

Whatmore has spent almost all his life in

The inspired decision to partner Romesh

clearly given the side a major sense of purpose.

A traumatic build-up to the tournament, featuring

None of my players are looking for money or

long ago promised to their opponents.

Lanka's Test odyssey since the start.

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of players.

Sri Lankan Captain Arjuna Ranatunga and manag-

The second semifinal, between West Indies and

rags-to-riches stories hy winning the World Cup.

win this one. I will have good memories of this evening. It's a great celebration for me - one goal and two assists. Pierre Turgeon had a goal and

an assist and Mark Recchi and

Saku Koivu also scored for Montreal, which won consecutive games for the first time since January. With the win, the Canadiens moved into seventh place in the

Eastern Conference - one point ahead of the Washington Capitals and three ahead of the ninth-place Boston Bruins.

Thibault, a Montreal native, allowed only Derian Hatcher's goal 9:18 into the second period.

Sri Lanka: Rags to riches

"What a great way to celebrate...the closing of the building and a win," Thibault said. "It was great to be in the nets for a game like that. Not only was it an historical commemoration but it was an important victory in the standings. It was a big win and the ceremony was even higger."

The Stars, who had been 6-0-1 in their last seven games, haven't won at the Forum since February 23, 1987, going 0-8-2 in that span. Dallas remains five points out of the final playoff berth in the Western Conference.

There's a lot of memories, Stars defenseman and former Canadien Mike Lalor said. "But

runs, Anil Kumhle may sometimes fail to take a

stop Nayan Mongia appealing.

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your appealing is so good'."

rather than hindering the umpires.

behind when they were chasing the game.

wicket but nothing short of a nuclear catastrophe will

dering. Talented, agile and eager, he has already

claimed 60 victims in his 40 one-day internationals;

if they judged 'keepers purely by their vocal chords,

Off the field, Mongia is a polite, softly-spoken 20-

year-old with apparently perfectly good eyesight. On

it, with arm raised and mouth open, he tends to

resemble a schoolboy seeking an extra helping of

umpire is no more than a modern wicketkeeper's

duty in an era which views batsmeo who walk as baf-

fling eccentrics.
"I don't agree with the theory that umpires give

more people out if you appeal less," admitted the

umpires joh to give him out or not out. It's a natural.

spur of the moment thing. My team mates like it and

get hundreds of calls every day saying Brilliant,

Mongia is fully aware of his role in putting pres-

'Against Pakistan, for example, I almost got Salim

sure on batsmen, but also likes to think he is helping

Malik twice but the umpire didn't ask for the third

umpire. He was out run out and he was out caught

But it is very difficult for the umpires to hear the

The umpires say I can appeal as much as I want.

"Appeals occur more in tense situadons, but there

nick when the crowd is shouting and howling. I

always lose some victims that way. But those are the

What I'm not allowed to do is run towards them.

are times watching my matches when I think I am appealing too much. I do try to tone it down."

"To me it is the player's duty to appeal, and it is the

Mongia is unrepentant. To him, appealing to the

he will rewrite every record in the sport.

India's wicketkeeper, they say, will never die won-

on the other hand we lost two points. We're trailing Toronto and Calgary so this game didn't do us much good."

Turgeon scored his 32nd goal of the season 6:20 into the game. beating Dallas goallender Andy Moog with a wrist shot from the slot. Recchi put a rebound past Moog just 13 seconds later, making it 2.0.

I think we mittled Andy Moog in the second period," Recchi said. 'He's a veteran goalie but it looked like he was fighting the puck in the first period. But as a whole, we played a good game," Blackhawks 8, Panthers 4

Denis Savard had two goals and an

assist as the Blackhawks raced to a six-goal lead and snapped a four-game losing streak

The Blackhawks won for just the

second time in nine games. Chicago defeated Florida for the second time

this season and is
3.0.1 all-time against the Panthers.
Johan Gurpenlov had a goal and an
assist for the Panthers, who matched franchise records with five straight losses and an eight-game winless streak 10-7-11. Florida remained two points ahead of the Philadelphia Flyers for third place in the Eastern Conference.

MONDAY'S RESULTS: Mootreal 4, Dallas 1 Chicago 8, Florida 4 Only games scheduled.

Hill paces Pistons

AUBURN HILLS (Reuser) Grant Hill's 31 points and 10 rebounds led the Detroit Pistons to their sixth win in seven games, 100-90 over the Los Angeles

Clippers on Monday. Joe Dumars scored 18 of his 22 points on three pointers as the Pistons moved into a tie with the Ailania Hawks and the Cleveland Cavaliers for third place in the Central Division and fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff

"This wasn't perfect." Hill said. "It wasn't prelly hul we won." The Pistons let a 75-57 lead

dwindle to 75-71 as the Clippers put on a 14-0 spurt late in the third quarter. But the Pistons stabilized and never let Los Angeles get closer than six points away in the fourth quarter.

"If we get a big lead, we can't let them back in ii," said Hill. "It would be nice to win a game by 20 or 30 points. But we never seem to do that. That would be too

Otis Thorpe added 20 points as the Pistons improved to 20-10 at home. Last season, Detroit was just 28-54 overall.

"That's a very talented team but we made it hard on ourselves," Detroit coach Doug Collins said. "We didn't sustain our concen-

tration with the lead and we have to stop digging ourselves holes like that, Grant, Otis and Joe had great games. It's the time of the year that guys like that have to step up for you." Dumars was 6-of-11 from three-point range.

When Joe is shooping like that and you get him the ball you know he's going to make it." Hill said. "That gets the crowd into it and opens some lanes for me."

Malik Sealy scored 18 points off the bench for the Clippers, who dropped both games against the Pistons this season but finished 3-2 on their five-game road

Brian Williams had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Rodney Rogers added 14 points for the Clippers. who dropped 6 1/2 games out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Kings 92, Grizzlies 88
Mitch Richmond scored 14 of his points in the fourth quarter and Tyus Edney's jumper with 26 seconds remaining snapped a tie as bost Sacramento extended Vancouver's losing streak to 12 games.
Richmond made 5-of-6 from three-

point range, Edney finished with 14 points and Billy Owens added 13 points and eight assists for the Kings. Olden Polynice had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, who had a

44-32 rehounding edge. Sacramento, which is just 3-16 in its last 19 games, moved into a virtual tie with Portland and Golden State for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Western Conference.

MONDAY'S RESULTS: Detroit 100, LA Clippers 90 Sacramento 92, Vancouver 88 Only games scheduled.

Cantona leads Man United to FA Cup semis

MANCHESTER (Reuter) ~ Frenchman Eric Cantona scored one goal and set up another as Manchester United edged closer to a third successive English FA Cup final with a 2-0 quarter-final victory over Southampton on

Monday. But United, which now plays the winners of the replay between Chelsea and Wimhledon in the semifinal at Aston Villa's ground on March 31, was made to fight all the way hy its lowly Premier League rivals.

Southampton had one goal disallowed and forced United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel to make several fine saves.

Southampton was looking for a third shock Cup victory over United, having beaten them in the 1976 final and in a fourth-round replay four years ago - the last time United lost a tie at Old Trafford. When the sides met in a league clash in November, United blitzed Southampton with three goals in the opening nine minutes in a 4-1 victory. And they oearly made another rip-roaring start.

Cantona beat the offside trap after five minutes and although his shot defeated goalkeeper Dave Beasant, defender Ken Monkou raced back to clear as the hall was about to cross the line.

United cootinued to dominate and Andy Cole shot straight at Beasant with only the goalkeeper

Cole missed another opportudity and it looked as if United would pay for its wayward finishing as Southampton forced its way hack into the match.

Schmeichel made a flying one-handed save from Simon Chariton, and was then booked for protesting that referee Steve Dum should have halted play as defender Phil Neville was on the ground injured.

But there were no protests from the fiery Dane when the referee came to United's rescue after 43

Neil Shipperley headed what appeared to be a legitimate goal for Southampton from Matthew Oakley's cross - hut to United's relief; the goal was ruled out for a push hy Shipperley.

Southampton found themselves in arrears within four minutes of the restart.

Cole's fine pass set Ryan Giggs clear on the left. He made ground and sent in a low cross which left Cantona with the simple task of side-footing the ball home for his 12th goal of the season.

Southampton hit back and Schmeichel made a superb save from Mark Walters's fierce shot,

But the home side ensured victory in the second minute of injury time. With Southampton committed to attack. United swept upfield for Cantona to lay-on an easy chance for Lee Sharpe to score from point-blank range.

Atlanta: a war zone?

ATLANTA (AP) - Georgia's attorney general says crime in Atlanta, this year's Olympic city, may be worse than in Sarajevo. the war-torn Bosnian capital that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics.

"I'd have to say Atlanta's almost a war zone," attorney general Michael Bowers said yesterday. "I imagine over the past 30 days we've had more murders in Atlanta than Sarajevo."

Mayor Bill Campbell was irked hy the comment, which Bowers first made Monday at a panel discussioo on crime,

The facts are that the trime rate in downtown is at its lowest level since 1986," Campbell said. "I' doubt Mr. Bowers has ever been to Sarajevo, And I assume he is not spending much time in downtown Atlanta.

commeots shook the mayor. "It should irk the mayor good," he said. "Maybe he'll do something about crime oow."

Bowers said he was glad his

ing the Games, which will be Joly 19-August 4. Bowers said he is concerned

about crime all over the country. oot just in Atlanta. "But I have to live in Atlanta,"

be said. "The starting point is to define the problem, and that's

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inside Atlanta's city limits dropped 15 percent from 1960 to 1994, while murders increased 185%, rapes 859% and robberies 1.634%. That shows "something's awry,"

Bowers said the population

he said. But Bowers said he is confident that plans to keep Atlanta safe

during the Olympics will work. 'I'm going to be in the downtown area during that time," working at his office oear the state Capitol. he said. Bill Rathburn, head of security

for the Atlanta Comminee for the Olympic Games, said Atlanta will be "the safest place on earth" dur-

what I was trying to do."

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thin's development.

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Kiar Hamaccablab wins 'Post' charity trophy The Authal Max Spitz Charity Day took place on Satinday at the Ramat Can Chib, with acpresentative transfer all time of Israel's lawn bowls chibs competing for The Jerusulan Port Trophy.

mangunaged in 1984.

In an 18 team comest the Kfar Hamaccabian side of Yair Bekier.

Michael Stanger, Roy Jeanings and Roger Jennings swept through the field with a clear 20 shot difference win. It was an outstanding

performance by the first three-mentioned players who are all members of Israel's junior (under 25) team, selected to tour freland, latter in the year.

Proceeds of NIS 5,000 will go to the Post's Toy Fund, Forsake Me Nat Fund, and Welcome Home Fund.

Norman Spin Norman Spiro

David Edelson led the A Division in this week's individual stableford conjugation at the Caesarea Golf Club with 39 points. In second was Lionel Phillips with 34 followed by Len Ben Amir

Edelson wins at Caesarea

Judy Reefe came in first in the B Division with 38 followed by Michael Dainel and Mike Bannister with 33 each.

His Pizer had a 39 to use C Division. Arieh Mirelman was second, with 37 and Zachi Gilon cante in third at 36. D Division honors went to Nate Kansky with 34 and Siggy

Menteles with 32.

After six-rounds of the National Coca Cola Golf League, Tel

Activ leads with 21 points. Kfar Shinavyahu is second with 13 and
Caesarea and Ra assaus are tied for third with 10 points. Jules Cuburnek

Shmerkin off to championships National ice skaping champion Michael Shmerkin and skaping couple Galit Hart and Serged Shanoveski will be the three Israeli representatives at the World Championships to be held in Canada starting Sanday Last year Shmerkin finished in overall second

NFL approves Cleveland plan NFL owners on the first day of league meetings Monday approved a plan to put a team in Eleveland by the 1999 season to replace the

One option gives the city 45 days to consider an alternate site for a new stadium, which the league would like to see built on the carrent site of Municipal Stadium. Taugres takes European Cup Host Taugres Vitoria (Spein) bear PAOK Saloniki (Greece) 88-81

yesterday to win the European Cup basketball final.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Mendi Rodan leads the Israel Sinfonietta. Beersbeba, in Mozart's 35th ("Haffner") Symphony and in Mahler's orchestral version of Schubert's Death and the Maiden, while French pianist Brigitte Engerer joins in to pley Saint-Saens's Second Piano Concerto on Saturday and March 17, 19 and 21 in Beersheha, and Monday at Jerusalem's Henry Crown Symphony Hall. All performances start at 8:30.

Chen Zimhalista presents a concert for the entire family with the Israel Chamber Orchestra in which the audience can also join in on percussion instruments on stage. Shows are et 4 and 5:30 today and 5:30 tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Bat-Dor Company presents two premieres at 8:30 tomorrow at Jaffa's Noga Theatre, Gigi and e new dance-music opus choreographed by

Domi Reiter, in which percussionist Chen Zimhalista performs new music especially composed by Beni Nagari and Amos Elkana.

The Kibhutz Contemporary Dance Company presents Avi Kaiser's Cri-Ah at 8:30 tomorrow at Kihbutz Kabri.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** LEAVING LAS VEGAS - His skin sallow, jaw slack, basset-hound eyes pleading, Nicolas Cage gives an enormous, excruciating performance in Mike Figgis's film, and one that's all the more remarkable for its anguished attempts at humor. Until now, Cage has always played the

ACROSS

9 Container has another

alkaline substance (6)

10 It's a crime to refuse to

II A circular frams on a

12 Longer pod could have

been lengthened (9)
13 A new article liks the

17 Cry so bitterly to start with

19 Between spinner and

20 Exclamation of surprise

one way or the other (3)

21 Inside the seats I strapped

25 Left sailor with one old

weaver it is all over (4,3,2,6)

1 Science stinks (9)

handle letters (9)

bicycle (6)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

landing-strip (6)

extremely cold (9) 28 Anne's replaced Norway explorer (6) 29 Ended hopse of

penny (9) 26 Fugitive leaves article on

27 Circle round which it is

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2 Term for a girl or sometimes a hoy (6)

3 Michael left half of a large

4 Is coming up with cash, not

5 Make a judge get up as far as the coat (5,2,3,5)

escudos initially, for dealing in church property

quantity of old (6)



Percussionist Chen Zimbalista presents B concert for the whole Caciuleanu's Luminaries family with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. (KC Artists)

clown - flexing his furry eyehrows and jutting his soft chin to broad comic effect, Amazingly enough, he does the same thing here, as an alcoholic Hollywood screenwriter who loses his job, burns his belongings and drives to Nevada where he intends to drink himself to death. Adapted hy Figgis from an autobiographical novel by the late John O'Brien, the movie is at once harsh and tender, repellent and engrossing. And almost impossible to enjoy. Indeed, at times Leaving Las Vegas seems very much the hrainchild of its aggressively sloshed antihero, torn between wanting the audience's affections and shoving us rudely away. But in its wake, a palpable ache lingers on. Newcomer Elizabeth Shue is also poised as the angelic hooker who falls in love with Cage. (English dialogue, Hehrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without edult.)

6 Outstanding arc-light (3-6)

7 Sort of leave mother

8 All take part that is conducive to health (9)

14 The children are away for

15 Agreeing with tha letter (9)

16 A strologer - or daydreamer? (9)

17 Spain out? Try Harrogate

18 Snake no end of a pig (3)

22 All there in diplomacy (6)

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23 Jst he could manoeuvre

24 Scheme endlessly thought

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DOWN: 2 Route, 3 Thinner, 5 Noble,

8 Lookout, 7 Snoop. S Chaos, 9 Casse, 14 Near, 15 Alto, 16 Narrate, 20 Meadows, 21 Swift, 23 Order, 24 Stone, 28 Inert, 28 Build.

DOWN

3 Drink excessively

1 Progressive person (5)

2 Salesman (3)

three months (9)

something in New York (9)

WHAT'S ON

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Physical Fitness 7:00 Special broedcast from Summit of Peacemakers in Sharm e-

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Evolution 8:30 Arithmetic 9:45 Stories of the homeland 10:00 Getting ready for the unexpected 10:30 Current affairs 11:00 Music 11:25 Geography 11:45 Judaism 12:05 Life sciences 12:20 French 12:35 Science and technology 13:30 Stories about animals 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:30 Amico and his Friends 15:00 Surfing champions

E CHANNEL 1

15:32 Tinytoon 15:55 Rex 16:20 The Friends of Shush 18:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap - current affairs 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Legal Affairs - fortnightly mag-azine 19:00 News **HEBREW PROGRAMS** 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michael 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Focus - Interviews with newsmakers, with Ehud Ya'ari 21:20 Bugs - sus-pense series set in the 21st century 22:15 No Man's Land - Ram Evron hosts a live interview program based on news media reports 23:00 Dream On - comedy 23:30 News magazine 24:00 Verse of the Day

E CHANNEL 2

9:00 Special broadcast on Sharm e-Shelikh summit 15:30 Dave's World 18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Naws magazine with Rafi Reshef - extended broadcast 18:00 Senora - Spenish soap opera 19:00 Hang Time - high-school cornedy 19:30 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune - quiz show 21:06 The Wonderful World - entertainment program with Erez Tal 22:35 NYPD 23:31 Family Plot (1976) - Alfred Hitchcock tongue-in-cheek thriller about a phony psychic who gets involved in a murder plot. Starring Barbara Harris and William Devana (120 mins.) 00:00 News 00:05 Family Plot (continued) 1:10 In the name of the Duce - documentary on the Italian elections 2:15 Gillette World Sports Special 2:55 Mozart through the night 3:30 Poem of the

JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones - cartoon 14:30 Speed Racer 14:50 Bill Nye the Science Guy - documentary 15:20

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Second Thoughts

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8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Lifa to

Live 9:45 The Young and tha Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati 11:25

killers 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25

10:30 Sour Grapes (1986) - zany comedy about a company scientist who discovers a secret formula to make people only drink beer produced by his firm. (83 mins.) (rpt) 12:00 Will Penny (1968) (rpt) 13:45 Advertising Madnessia (1911) - Helen Murder in New Hamnessia (1911) - Helen Murder

Hampshire (1991) - Helen Hunt stars as a teacher who plots to murder her

husband with the help of her lover/stu-

during the student disturbances of 1968, (102 mins.) 21:00 Innocent

Blood (1992) - Anything can happen when mob boss (Robert Loggia) is bit-

ten by a sexy French vamp in this wacky action thriller. With Don Rickles and Anne Parillaud. Directed by Jon

mins.) 1:00 A Private Function (1985)

British satire set in post WWII England where food rationing causes

a sensation over contraband pork.
Directed by Alan Myerson with Sylvia
Kristel and Howard Hessman. (92
mins.) 2:35 Child of Darkriess, Child

6:30 Carloons 8:00 Popcomia 8:30

Creepy Crawlers 9:05 Wild Nature 9:40 The Heart 10:15 Hangin with

Mr. Cooper 10:45 Loony Toons 11:00 Ocean Girl 11:30 Cartoons 12:00

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

22:00 For Fun (1992, Chinese) - Ning Yang directs this drama about two retired men from the Chinese theater who open a club for the elderly (92 mins.) 23:55 Aguirre, The Wrath of God (1972, West German) - Werner Herzog directs this drama set in the Amazon i unoles about an insane con-14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Scarlet Street (1945) - To impress a woman, a man pretends to be e famous artist and embezzies money to support his fraud. Then the tables turn. Diracted by Fritz Lang, the film stars Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett (103 mins.) 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 Matlock 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program Amazon jungles about an insane con-quistador who leads an expedition in search of seven cities of gold. Staming Klaus Kinski (90 mins.)

EDISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Mozu the Snow Monkey 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Open University 16:00 Mozu the Snow Monkey 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World: Shark Files 21:00 Hunters 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Connections 23:00 Under-water World: Shark Files 23:50 Open University (receat of morning's pro-University (repeat of morning's pro-

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears series reflecting the changes in Egyptian society from the end of the reign of King Farouk to the eve of the military revolution 18:30 Panel discus-10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Fatcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 19:45 Tha Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 One of the Gang – drama about the investigation of a prostitute who is part of a ring of serial killers 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 sion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgia 22:45 A Hundred Years of Jazz 24:00 Closedown

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 This is my city 16:15 Investigative eye 17:00 Gulliver's Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Shakespearean Theater – A 18:00 Shakespearean Theater - A
Midsummer Night's Dream 18:30
Family Connections 19:00 Everything's Open - Youth and Judaism
19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New
Evening (with Russian subtities)
20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour
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SLA soldier killed by roadside bomb

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was killed in a bomb blast yesterday afternoon, keeping tension high after recent attacks in which five IDF soldiers were killed and

IDF and SLA troops were put on full alert in case Hizbullah, Amal, or Palestinian rejectionist groups try to carry out more attacks in defiance of the international antiterror summit taking place in Sbarm e-Sbeikh today.

Lebanese news agencies have reported a build-up of IDF troops in the security zone, but UNIFIL sources said yesterday they bave seen no sign of reinforcements or unusual IDF activities.

Col. Monir Makdah, who heads a Palestinian group in south Lebanon opposed to the Israel-PLO accord, claimed yesterday that his organization is training suicide bombers to attack Israeli

Nine other Palestinian rejectionist groups based in Syria bave called for a general strike by Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Syrin today to protest the crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists in the territories.

Hizbullah. meanwhile. announced yesterday that two of its gunnen had been killed. The extremist Shi'ite organization gave no details of where or when

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the "martyrs" died. Hizbullah has lately been delaying announcing casualties in an apparent attempt to cover up its losses.

The fighting continued unabated yesterday with a combination of roadside bombings, mortar bar-rages on IDF and SLA positions, and Sagger anti-tank missile

The SLA soldier was killed when Hizbuliah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb alongside an SLA patrol in the Jezzine enclave region, north of the zone.

Earlier in the day, members of Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, fired Sagger missiles at SLA troops in the zone's eastern sector. At the same time, other

Hizbullah gunmen fired several

in the vicinity. There were no casualties and SLA gunners returned fire.

About an hour later, a roadside bomb was detonated alongside an SLA patrol in the Beit Yahoun area in the zone's western sector, causing no casualties. SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone in

In an unrelated matter, Lebanese radio stations reported that Lebanese Army troops had planted mines north of the Zummriya crossing point on the zone's northeastern perimeter. The radio reports quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that the measure had been taken to prevent any attempts by Israel to deport Hamas or Islamic Jihad activists via the crossing point.

IDF smoke round hits Metulla

A SMOKE round fired accidentally from an IDF mortar fell in the center of Metulla yesterday morning, scaring residents and visitors.

There were no injuries from the smoke-making shell, although a sidewalk was damaged when it hit between the local council office

and the nearby Sheleg Halevanon Hotel. The IDF Spokesman said n soldier had been demonstrating the operation of a mortar to troops when the smoke round was acciden-

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine has ordered an inquiry into the incident, which is also being investigated by the Military Police

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Turkish President Suleyman Demirel (right) yesterday visits Haim Cohen, 23, injured two weeks ago in the first No. 18 bus bombing, in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. Turkish president addresses special Knesset session

TURKISH President Suleyman Demirel addressed the Knesset yesterday afternoon in an unusual session. Having been received with full honors by the Knesset Guard, Denirel was ushered into the Knesset's Chagall Hall, rather than the plenum.

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Anxious to save him the embarrassment of addressing a nearly empty room, with so many MKs absent on their primary election campaigns. Speaker Shevah Weiss decided for the first time to use the Chagall Hall for part of a plenum session. The room was filled with diplomats, VIPs, and Knesset staff. President Ezer Weizman was also present.

Demirel opened his address by saying he is convinced the Jewish people will overcome the current challenges and quoting a Jewish proverb: "It is a great man who

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can make an enemy a friend." There is no way terror can succeed. History has proven that terfor is self-destructive," he said, adding, "Islam is not violent, it is tolerant, Islam teaches the beauty of life. The terrorists who claim to act in the name of Islam are casting a stain on it. Both the Bible and the Koran praise life."

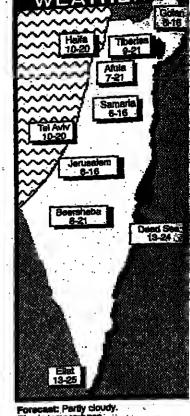
His speech was well-received. Both Prime Minister Shimon Peres and opposition Leader Binyamin Neianyahu addressed the temporary plenum. Peres said the Jewish people bas a warm spot in its heart for Turkey, which has offered haven from persecution in the past, and stressed the good relations the two countries

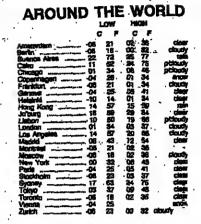
enjoy. Netanyahu stressed the joint wish of both countries for true peace, democracy and development in the region.

Demirel, on the second day of a state visit, attended morning prayers at Al Aksa. The visit to the Temple Mount was described as accompanied

President Ezer Weizman, Demirel rode to Bat Yam, where many Jews of Turkish origin live. He was welcomed by Mayor Yebosbua Saguy and inaugurated the Ataturk Garden.

Demirel also met with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak. Earlier the foreign ministers of both countries bad held a working session to coordinate positions on terror before today's Sharm e-Sheikh





Winning cards and numbers

In vesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of bearts, king of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 3, 14, 22, 40, 43 and 47 and the additional number was 17.

Psychologist testifies Amir was legally sane when he shot Rabin

A PSYCHOLOGIST and member of the team which examined Yigal Amir in prison yesterday confirmed the confessed assassin was sane when he murdered prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Avi Weil, chief clinical psychologist at a Health Ministry mental bealth center, said Amir suffers from narcissistic and schizoid tendencies, but distinguishes between the permitted and the forbidden" and is in no way psychopathic,

Many of us suffer from the same tendencies," said Weil, "which do not border on insanity or psychopathology."

Weil was summoned by the defense and, in spite of lawyer Shinnel Fleischman's intensive and lengthy cross-examinations, refused to admit that Amir is mentally disturbed.

Before his testimony, defense lawyer Jonathan Goldberg

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brought psychologist Alan Kaye into the courtroom and asked Judge Edmond Levy for permission for Kaye to testify for the defense. Levy refused, since Kaye bad not even examined Amir.

Previous claims by the defense that Rabbis Yoel Bin-Nun and Aharon Lichtenstein would appear as witnesses were proved incorrect yesterday after Bin-Nnn said on Army Radio that be bad not been summoned by the court. members Lichtenstein was abroad.

According to the defense, the two rabbis were to testify on their interpretation of din rodef (a religious ruling permitting the killing of a persecutor). Amir has said in previous hearings that be acted according to a din rodef on Rabin, but that no one encouraged him to

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Weil testified at length about Amir's character. He had visited Amir twice in his prison cell, he said, together with a team of psy-

"He (Amir) believes that he is something special," he said, "and believes he acted as God's emissary. He thinks that nobody understands him except for himself, but believes that be did what be did for the good of mankind."

He described Amir as an individualist, acting alone without consulting anyone, "but at the same time without being alienated

from his surroundings."
He added that, while Amir has no problem forming rational or intellectual relationships, he is practically incapable of emotional or intimate ones. On Sunday the prosecution will begin its summa-

Ministry announced. This will be

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Court orders state to reveal classified evidence to Haggai Amir's defense

SUPREME Court Justice Zvi Tal yesterday ordered the state to reveal one of the pieces of classified evidence in the trial of Haggai Amir, saying it could lead to his acquittal on charges of conspiring to murder Yitzhak Rabin.

According to Amir's attorney, Moshe Meroz.

the prosecution told him it is now considering dropping this charge altogether, to avoid revealing the evidence in question. A decision is expected within the next few days.

Amir is charged with conspiracy to kill Rabin, conspiracy to commit terror against Arabs, and illegal possession and manufacture

Meroz had asked the court a month ago to order all 11 of the classified pieces of evidence revealed, saying they could be crucial to the defense. The state objected, saying this evidence was irrelevant to the defense, and would endanger national security by revealing the

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Tal agreed with the state regarding 10 of the 11 items. However, he said, one item contained "a statement relating to the first charge [con-spiracy to kill Rabin], which is likely to be important, and maybe even very important, to

"It is possible that the court, which bears all the evidence, will give this statement its full ight, and then it will have great with respect to the first charge. [Amir] is being tried on very serious charges, and we cannot keep from him a tool which could lead to even his partial acquittal," said Tal.

After coming to the conclusion that this statement was important. Tal said, he held

another hearing with the prosecution, at which the latter continued to protest revealing the item, and suggested giving the defense a paraphrase of the statement instead. However, Tal said, he concluded that a paraphrase would not have anything close to the value of the actual

The general rule, Tal noted, is that the more important a piece of evidence is to the defense. and the smaller the damage to national security, the greater the tendency to reveal it. In this case, he said, the potential importance to the defense is great, while the danger to security from revealing the information does not at "severe enough to prevent revealing the evi-

Therefore, he said, justice demands that this piece of evidence be given to the defense, unless the prosecution decides to drop the charge of conspiracy to kill Rabin.

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Yatom, Saguy vying for top Mossad job

THE retiring head of the Mossad will be the next director-general of the Maccabi health fund, replacing Raft Roter, who resigned recently after being convicted of fraud.

Maccabi's management met Monday to approve the nomination and announced it yesterday. The name of the Mossad director will be disclosed when he enters his new post on June 1.

Maccabi, the second-largest health fund with about a million members, suffered a serious blow to its image with the conviction of Roter, director-general for the last 14 years and previously directorgeneral of the National Insurance Institute. Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court found he had used Maccabi's tax-free status to bene-

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fit from a loan it gave to a private company, Procardia.

The refirement of the Mossad head is expected to launch a succession battle. Reportedly jockeying for the job are Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, military aide to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Uri Saguy, a former OC Intelligence. Other candidates come from within the Mossad.

Peres is to make a decision shortly, Itim reported.

The outgoing Mossad head was be assumed office in March 1989,

after heading the Mossad's opera-tions arm and serving as deputy to Nahum Admoni. Before coming to the Mossad, he was in the IDF's elite Sayeret Matkal commando unit. He is considered by insiders as a "super professional."

He was to have ended his Mossad career last October, but Rabin extended his term until the end of this year.

Yatom, who was also Rabin's military aide, bas reportedly long pushed for the Mossad position. He has represented the military in peace talks with the Syrians. In the eight months since he retired from the army, Saguy joined the Labor Party, declared and then withdrew bis candidacy for the Knesser, and has since sought a # top security position.

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